

ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

City of St. Matthews

Summer 1999

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



Parking space may be scarcer this fall after the Louisville Visual Art Association opens an arts education center in the old Sears building.

Arts group leases space in old Sears building, plans busy, multi-discipline education center

The Louisville Visual Art Association (LVAA) has signed a long-term lease for 22,000 square feet of retail space on the second floor of the old Sears building at 4121 Shelbyville Road.

The LVAA plans to use the space for a multi-discipline arts education complex, according to Kay Grubola, the project coordinator.

The association will keep its landmark Water Tower location for exhibitions and events, but will move all its educational programs to the new site.

The Louisville Ballet and Stage One Theatre will be partners in the activities at the new facility, which has been named The StoreFront Studios.

"The Shelbyville Road site was chosen because our demographic research shows that the largest audience for our tuition-based classes is in that

area," the developers said.

Plans for an extensive remodeling of the space are complete; the work is to begin soon. Classes for students of all ages and in all the arts disciplines are scheduled to begin in August.

Doe-Anderson Advertising has been hired to publicize the center's opening. A four-color publication describing the host organizations and their offerings will be distributed to about 50,000 families in the metro area.

The StoreFront Studios complex, the only institution of its kind in the region, will attract patrons of the arts from all over the Louisville area to the St. Matthews retail district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

St. Matthews residents and businesses are encouraged to take part in opening festivities Aug. 27-29.

Inside:

*Uncle Sam says: Stand up and be counted.
Library has summer adventures for kids, adults.
Hospital's non-profit status is costly for the city.*

Library planning lots of kid stuff

Upcoming children's programs at the St. Matthews/Eline Library:

July 19, 2 p.m. Little Loom House.
Make a friendship bracelet to take home. Sign-up required. Ages 7-14.

July 22, 2 p.m. Storytelling.
Play a part in stories told by Suzi Schumann. Ages 5-12.

July 29, 7 p.m. Magic Workshop.
Fun and trickery featuring by Bill Krustes. Ages 7 and up.

Aug. 4, 2 p.m. Japanese Summer:
Stories, folk dancing and a "Uchiwa

Fan" craft, featuring Carol Lee of Crane House. Ages 5-9.

Aug. 11, 2 p.m. Cross Stitching Basics.

Lucinda Boots of the Library staff will teach cross stitching. Ages 9 and up.

Storytimes, all summer long.

Family: Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Toddlers: Fridays, 10 a.m.

Preschool: Fridays 11 a.m.

Children's Book Groups.

Ages 6-8 (w/parents): July 7, 21, 28; 2 p.m.

Ages 9 and up: July 8, 15, 29; 2 p.m.



Dick Fenzel of 817 Browns Lane took a break from yard work on a recent hot day to show off some flowers grown by his wife, Alene.

City's hard at work on property tax bills

City officials are hard at work on property tax bills for 1999.

If your mailing address has changed, please notify City Hall as soon as possible by calling 895-9444. That will ensure that your bill is delivered promptly.

If you have any questions about your property tax, feel free to stop in at City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, to get them answered.

Also, if you were born in 1934 or before; own and live in your home; and have not applied previously for a Homestead Exemption, you're missing out

on significant tax savings. Stop by City Hall for an application. (If you have applied before, you needn't need reapply.)

The bills for 1999 should go in the mail around the first of October.

The City Council has approved a 1999-2000 budget of \$7.8 million and a tax rate of 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The budget, which increases city appropriations by \$1.6 million, includes money for new computer systems for City Hall offices and the police department, and a raise for city employees.

Summer offerings for adults range from batter-ups to chow-downs

Here's what the library is cooking up in the way of programs for adults (and families) over the next few months:

July: All-American Month. (All at 7 p.m. Bring the family.)

July 13. Vince Staten Barbecue.

July 20. RiverBats Baseball.

July 27. Graeter's Ice Cream.

August: California Month. (All at 7 p.m.)

Aug. 3. West Coast Crime. U of L criminologist Dr. Ron Holmes.

Aug. 10. California Decorating. Kelli Mulligan, Renaissance Interiors.

Aug 17. California Travel. Presented by Custom Travel Inc.

Aug 24. Knowing the Vineyard. Scott Harper, certified wine specialist from the Bristol Bar & Grill.

September: Local History Month. (All at 7 p.m.)

Sept. 14. Thomas Edison House and Heritage.

Presented by Mary Eileen Sandmann.

Sept. 21. All About Locust Grove.

Presented by Julie Park.

Sept. 28. Sampling *The Louisville Encyclopedia*.

Author/editor Dr. James Kebler.

October: Preparing for College. (Details to come.)

Count yourself in: Be part of the 2000 Census

Filling out the Census form is like casting a vote for good government

The U.S. Census for the year 2000 is approaching fast, and the Census Bureau is hoping you'll stand up and be counted.

The federal government says there are five important reasons why you ought to fill out your Census form:

1. Help your community thrive.

Does your neighborhood have lots of traffic congestion, elderly people living alone, overcrowded schools? Census numbers can help your community work out public-improvement strategies.

Non-profit organizations use Census numbers to estimate the number of potential volunteers in communities across the nation.

2. Get help in times of need.

Many 911 emergency systems are based on maps developed for the previous Census. Census information helps health providers predict the spread of disease through communities with children or elderly people. When floods, tornadoes or earthquakes hit, the Census tells rescuers how many people are likely to need their help.

When Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in 1991, Census information aided the rescue effort by providing estimates of the number of people in each residential block.

3. Make government work for you.

Taking part in the Census is a good way to tell our leaders who we are and what we need. The numbers are used to help determine the distribution of more than \$100 billion in federal funds

and even more in state and local government funds for such things as hospitals, highways, stadiums and school-lunch programs.

Using Census numbers to support their request for a new community center, senior citizens in one New England community successfully argued their case before county officials.

4. Reduce risk for U.S. business.

Because Census numbers help industry reduce financial risk and local potential markets, businesses are able to produce the products you want.

"All the Basic Facts You Need to Know to Start a New Business," a publication of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce, shows small

businesses how to use Census figures to determine the marketability of new products.

5. Help yourself and your family.

Individual records are kept confidential for 72 years, but you can request a certificate from past Censuses that can be used as proof to establish your age, residence or relationship, information that could help you qualify for a pension, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance.

In 2072, your great-grandchildren may want to use Census information to research family history. In 1999, your children may already be using Census information to do their homework.



Jane and Jim Hawley worked up a sweat recently while turning a fallen tree on Hycliffe Avenue into a neat pile of firewood.

Sale of hospital to non-profit will be costly for city, fire district

Suburban Hospital's recent change from for-profit to non-profit status will result in losses of thousands of dollars in property tax revenue for St. Matthews and its Fire Protection District.

The fire district expects to lose about \$20,000 in revenue in the 1999-'00 fiscal year, which begins this month, because non-profit Norton Healthcare last year bought Suburban from Co-

lumbia/HCA, a for-profit firm.

For tax purposes, Suburban became a non-profit on Jan. 1. Non-profits don't pay property tax.

Moreover, Jewish Hospital's recent purchase of a 9.5-acre car-sales lot in Dupont Square will eventually cost the fire district an estimated \$3,400 per year.

The district has an annual budget of \$1.7 million. Its tax rate is currently

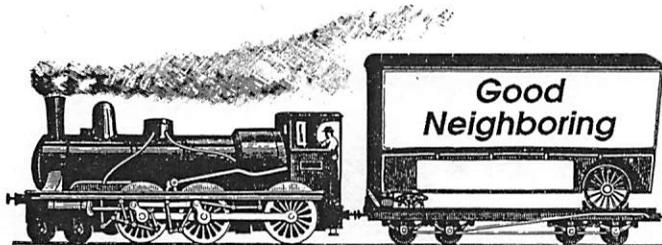
8.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The district's board is considering a proposal to raise it to 10 cents.

The fire district, which made 1,800 runs last year, has been planning to buy a new engine for its Brownsboro Road substation and to hire 12 additional paid firefighters.

City government stands to lose about \$30,000 a year because of the Norton and Jewish purchases.

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

Remember the leash law; it applies to all dogs, no matter how well-behaved.

Whenever you take your dog for a walk, keep in mind that it is your doo-ty to take along a scooper and a plastic bag so that you can make a quick withdrawal of whatever he or she may deposit.

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

Please don't cut flowers in city and other public parks.

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

Yard waste is taken to a composting facility, so it's very important to use biodegradable paper or plastic bags or cans clearly marked "Yard Waste."

City Services

Anyone interested in having the Works Department plant trees along a city right-of-way can make the request by calling City Hall.

What to recycle: Newspapers (no magazines or glossy paper); glass bottles and jars (no window glass, light bulbs, dishware); tin cans; aluminum cans (no aluminum foil, pie tins); plastic bottles and jugs (with lids removed).

Going out of town? Taking a vacation? Attending a funeral? Call the St. Matthews Police at 893-9000 and arrange to have officers make frequent checks of your house while you're away.

If you'd like street lights installed on your block, write a note to City Hall, including your name, address and phone number. The lights' exact placement will be determined by a Louisville Gas & Electric Co. engineer.