

ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

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

City government preoccupation: 'Are you being served?'

St. Matthews citizens aren't always aware of the range of city services available to them. New residents, for example, often assume they should put their garbage cans out by the street, not realizing that the city contracts for side- and rear-door service.

And that's only part of the trash service available through Waste Management. The company has helped St. Matthews become a pioneer in recycling, hauls away yard waste on a weekly basis and schedules special collections (this year's leaf collections start on Nov. 5); schedules special pickups for spring cleaners; and picks up large items such as appliances on request and at no charge (call WM at 966-0117).

Special services provided by St. Matthews police include scheduling special patrols to watch your home when you're on vacation or when your family will be away for another reason, such as a funeral; a police-in-the-schools program at Waggener High School (other schools also are invited to take part); bank escorts for businesses; security surveys of commercial and residential properties; crime-prevention and anti-drug programs; a driver-education for mature motorists; a Stop and Walk Program in which officers patrol malls and other business areas on foot; and special warnings about crime trends



If you'd like the Works Department to plant trees in front of your home, just call City Hall at 895-9444.

(for example, they cite a recent rise in thefts from cars whose owners leave a door or window open while they step into their homes for just a minute).

The police department, which has an annual budget approaching \$2 million, recently hired a new officer and promoted two men to sergeant (see page 2).

St. Matthews' ambitious parks program continues with about \$100,000 in improvements to the Community Center Park on Ten Pin

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Inside: Parks Department project is a beauty
New hire, 2 promotions in Police Department



The St. Matthews Police Department has hired Rick Hageman, formerly of Louisville Metro police (above, with City Attorney Foster Haunz, Mayor Bernard Bowling Jr. and Police Chief Norm Mayer); and promoted two officers to sergeant: Mike Riddle, who has been on the force for 7 years, (below left, with wife Gail), and Lewis Christopher, with his wife, Kathy.



Pruitt's Chevron site may be taken for bank

A longtime city landmark, Tommy Pruitt Sr.'s Chevron station at Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue, may be demolished to make way for a BB&T Bank branch.

The Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment has approved a variance and four waivers requested by the bank, which says its branch at 3747 Lexington Road is too small.

The site, officially in Louisville but in the heart of St. Matthews, has been occupied by a gas station since 1938. There is only one other full-service station in the city, near Hubbards Lane and Westport Road.



The Westport Road widening project is moving east toward St. Matthews; this crew was stringing cable on a recent sunny day.

Service satisfaction is St. Matthews' most important product

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Lane: improving the walking path; clearing brush, for safety and convenience; adding a walking bridge; renewing the baseball fields; developing a field for handicapped players; and adding parking spaces.

Anyone concerned about the condition of a sidewalk can call City Hall and request a survey; until recently, it was the homeowner's responsibility to collect signatures of

his or her neighbors; now the city takes care of it. Residents can also ask City Hall to repave deteriorating streets, fill potholes or install street lights (as was done recently in the 4200 block of Alton Road).

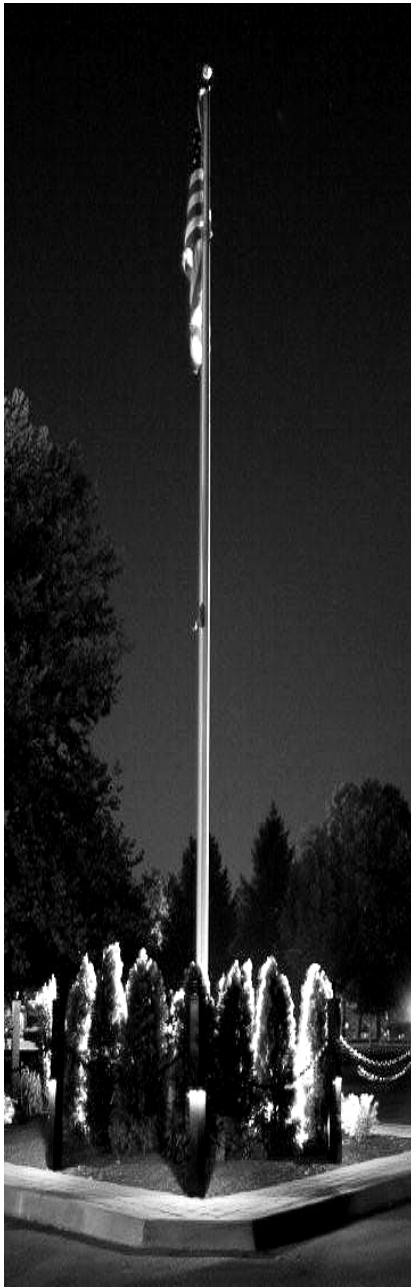
The city is working toward providing sidewalks on both sides of Shelbyville Road between Chenoweth Lane and the Watterson Expressway.

For traffic and safety reasons, the city is now testing the effectiveness

of speed "humps" (gentler than "bumps"), on Harris Place near New Lagrange Road.

With winter approaching, officials in charge of the city's snow-removal program want to remind residents to get their cars off the street

Anyone who would like trees planted along the street in front of their homes need only call City Hall; so far, the city has planted more than 1,000 trees.



The city recently beautified parts of Brown Park (above and top right) and the nearby intersection of Alton Road and Hubbards Lane.



City parks prettified



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

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

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

If you tape or staple political signs to poles and trees, please go back after the polling and take them down.

Be sure your house number is visible from the street. It's important to police, emergency workers and pizza-delivery people, among others.



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With the help of family and friends, Sandra Sabol, of 4215 Alton Road (just visible over the witch's left arm), went all-out for Halloween, filling her yard with ghoulies and beasties, corpses and ghosts, gnomes and creepy noises.