

ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

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City Hall

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Automated lines:

**Call St. Matthews
638-4STM (4786)**

Administration Info Line
855-7624 (SMCH)

City Services Info Line
498-2255 (CALL)

News & Info Line
855-4636 (INFO)

Police Tip & Info Line
498-2583 (CLUE)

Mayor

Bernard Bowling Jr.

Council members

Arthur K. Draut
Frank Flynn
Stuart Monohan
Mary Jo Nay
Martha Schade
Richard Tonini
Tony Weiter
Patrick Wissing

City Hall hours

Mon.-Thurs., 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Fri., 7:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Council meetings

Open sessions City Hall, 2nd &
4th Tuesdays of month, 7 p.m.

Easy being green



Backyard pool, pond water may contain toxic chemicals

Wait at least 48 hours after any chemical treatment to drain a swimming pool. That will allow harmful chlorine to dissipate.

Some treatment chemicals contain copper and silver, which are toxic to aquatic creatures and can cause fish kills if they reach a stream.

The backwash from a pool filter system should not go into a stream, but into the sanitary sewer system.

If you plan to drain pool water into the sewer system, call Metropolitan Sewer District (540-6000) first to make sure it won't cause a problem to the sewers or a wastewater treatment plant.

The same cautions apply to chemically treated backyard ponds.

Newspaper defends practice of delivering unsolicited ads

The City of St. Matthews, concerned about unsightly litter, recently complained to *The Courier-Journal* about bags of advertising materials left in yards, driveways and streets in St. Matthews.

Attorneys for the C-J responded that it "takes seriously its constitutional right to distribute written materials, whether ... advertising, news content, or both," but tries to exercise that right "in an appropriate and responsible way."

The letter said the newspaper "instructs its carriers to distribute materials as close to the front door as practicable under the circumstances, which sometimes means distribution on front lawns or driveways. ...

"With respect to your statement that non-subscribers to *The Courier-Journal* have no interest in receiving unsolicited materials, we disagree. ... Many people appreciate the services that *The Courier-Journal* provides in distributing valuable commercial and news information directly to their homes."

Homeowners who want to stop receiving the packets can get on a "Do Not Distribute List" by calling the newspaper at 582-4011.

The much shorter list: just what you can't recycle

These are the items that don't go in the recycling bin:

Plastic: plastic bags; containers used for motor oil or other auto products, paint, solvents, chemicals or lawn-care products.

Glass: dishes and drinking glasses; mirrors and window glass; light bulbs; broken glass.

Metal: cans used for chemicals or paints; appliances; power tools; batteries; clothes hangers.

Paper: books and beverage cases.

Questions? Call Waste Management's customer service line: 966-0117.

Don't waste yard waste; package it properly

St. Matthews disposes of all yard waste by taking it to a composting facility; that's why it's important to use biodegradable paper or plastic bags or cans clearly marked "Yard Waste." (Yard Waste stickers are available at City Hall.)

638-4STM

General greeting

Administration
855-SMCH (7624)

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- 1 Message for mayor/council
 - 1 Leave message for mayor only
 - 2 Leave message for mayor & council
 - 3 Leave message for selected council member
- 2 Get info/leave message for a department head
 - 1 City clerk
 - 2 Code enforcement officer
 - 3 City engineer
 - 4 Police department
- 3 Government info/council meetings/ordinance
 - 1 City government/council meetings
 - 2 Get a copy of an ordinance
- 4 Information on permits/licenses
 - 1 Building permits
 - 2 Portable storage container permits
 - 3 Sign permits
 - 4 Professional license & business license tax
- 5 Real estate/business/occupational taxes
 - 1 Real estate tax
 - 2 Occupational tax
- 6 Reserve park pavilion or community center
 - 1 Park pavilion
 - 2 Community center

Services
498-CALL (2255)

2

- 1 Sanitation program
 - 1 Missed garbage pickup
 - 2 Large item pickup
 - 3 Recycling program
 - 4 Sanitation policy information
- 2 Graffiti/potholes, street damage
 - 1 Graffiti
 - 2 Potholes/street damage
- 3 Sidewalks
 - 1 Repair sidewalk
 - 2 Request new sidewalk
- 4 Street lights
 - 1 Report out-of-service light
 - 2 Request new light
- 5 Speed humps/report speeding
 - 1 Speed humps
 - 1 Installation policy
 - 2 Express opinion of speed humps
 - 2 Report speeding
- 6 Leave message about any city service



News
855-INFO (4636)

3

- 1 Leave information on an event
- 2 Seasonal messages/current events
 - 1 Seasonal messages
 - 2 Current events
- 3 Park locations/descriptions
 - 1 Brown Park
 - 2 Community Park
 - 3 Arthur K. Draut Park
 - 4 Warwick Park
- 4 Eline Library
 - 1 General information/location & hours
 - 2 Current programs
 - 3 Friends of the Library
- 5 St. Matthews Historical Society
 - 1 General information/location & hours
 - 2 Current programs
 - 3 Contact information
- 6 St. Matthews Business Association
 - 1 General information/location & hours
 - 2 Current programs



Police
498-CLUE (2583)

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- 1 Tip line
- 2 Information, police reports, fingerprint services
 - 1 Make a police report
 - 2 Get a copy of a police report
 - 3 Fingerprint services
- 3 House watch/extra patrols/Operation ID
 - 1 House watch
 - 2 Extra patrols
 - 3 Operation Identification
- 4 Directions to St. Matthews Police Station



NOTE: Police emergency 911

**Automated phone system
in operation
24 hours/day,
7 days/week**



Right: Jeff Russ, a/k/a “Mr. Magic,” had a young audience rapt around his little finger. Above: Among those enjoying the show were Michele Isaac and her daughters Carly, 6, and Ashley, 3.



Community Festival sizzles



Above, Joan Liles, the “Balloon Lady,” fashioned butterflies for a triple-A trio: Azaria, 5, Anna, 5, and Aria, 6. Below, at the pony ride, the horses were steaming but the riders were cool.



In the Dance Unlimited booth, Sydney Beck got a colorful nose job from Jessica Gann.



Caricaturist Denny Whalen worked on a likeness of Melissa Knight while Jeff Rose evaluated his style.

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Who ya gonna call?

Warm weather presents a great opportunity to remodel your home. When folks need an off-site storage facility, many use a Portable Storage Container (PSC) service. What many don't know is that a city permit is required to put such a container on your property, and you can keep it there for a limited time. For details of St. Matthews PSC regulations, call the Administration Line: 638-4STM (638-4786).

Summer's a great season to spend family time outside. St. Matthews officials hope you'll find time to visit all four city parks. If you don't know where they are, you can find out by dialing the city's automated phone information system at 638-4STM.

If there's anything you'd like to bring to the attention of city government, whether it's a pothole, a broken streetlight or a buckled sidewalk, you can get your message across by accessing the CALL ST. MATTHEWS system at 638-4STM and leaving a detailed message.

Ever-rising fuel prices are draining family budgets and causing all of us to look for ways to save. Stretch your entertainment dollar by taking part in family-friendly activities and events that are free or very inexpensive. Call 638-4STM to access the News & Information Line, then select Current Events. The info there is updated regularly. You can also use the service to let others know about any events not on the list.

Good neighboring

If you use concrete pyramids or other obstructions to protect your lawn from cars, keep in mind that, if someone hits them and then has a wreck or damages a vehicle, the home-owner can be held legally responsible.

Don't set cans and bags of trash, yard waste, etc., at the curb any earlier than the night before your pickup.

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

Don't forget that St. Matthews homeowners must keep the grass alleyways behind their homes mowed. Keeping them trimmed up discourages rodents and provides access for utility workers.