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City of Saint Matthews
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Saying Farewell, Saying Hello

St. Matthews

July 29th marked the last day for City Clerk, Jim King. King has been with the city for 35 and a half years. During that time he served the duration as the city treasurer and in the last 12 years as the City Clerk.

King's time with the city has seen many changes, the most profound of which would be completely automating the accounting.

King talked about how other things had changed around the city since he started working here. He recounted late night meetings to talk

about budget expenditures and what the city could and couldn't live with paying at the time. He also talked about how

sustainability.

King was unsure of his plans post-retirement but he seemed eager to travel eventually. While he was excited about this new

step in his life, he did say he would miss the people he's worked with and that his work with the city has been fun.

Stepping into the City Clerk's office is Susan Clark, a St. Matthews

citizen who has served for eighteen years at the Jefferson County Elections Center.

Happy Retirement Jim!



Jim King (left) receives a plaque from Mayor Bowling for his many years of service to the city.

through the occupational tax the city has come into it's own. Especially when it comes to

Inside

City officials declare a tax discount for all Historical St. Matthews—upcoming free programs SMPD states—Say NO to solicitors



Moving? Cleaning? Do you have large items that you need to get out of your house? If the answer is yes, or if it will be in the near future, there is a simple solution for you. Your garbage service, Rumpke, permits the disposal of one large item a week on your normal removal day. If you have multiple items, appliances or water heaters, call Rumpke at 568-3800 to set up a special junk pickup.

Don't set out cans or bags of garbage earlier than the night before your scheduled pickup. St Matthews provides rear-door pickup of garbage only.

Keep the lids on your garbage cans in place and tightly shut to keep out foraging animals.

A Message From...

It's about that time again, yes tax time. But as residents of the City of St. Matthews there are important tax issues that you should be aware of. Tax bills are sent out on or before October 1st, and by being residents in St. Matthews you are awarded a discount of 40% if your tax bill is paid on or before October 31st. The receipt or the postmark of the payment will determine it's paid by day and thus determine whether or not you are eligible for the discount. If the final date payment is a Saturday, Sunday, or falls on a holiday, the time period is extended to the following business day. This year October 31st is a Monday, and November 1st is a Saturday.

Hot and Humid. That's what we expect in Kentucky, during these days of summer. However, now and again, Mother Nature unexpectedly sneaks in a day of warm,



slightly breezy and just an overall great day to enjoy. When this happens, we all long to be out and about with our family and friends, taking advantage of this rare summer

That being said residents must pay the face amount of the bill during November or December. If any property owner fails to pay the taxes assessed against them prior to January 1, 2012 there is a penalty of an amount equal to 10% of the tax bill. Plus interest from January 1st until paid at the rate of one and a half percent per month, or of a part compounded monthly or \$10.00 if the penalty and interest is less than that amount. Furthermore all delinquent tax collection expenses that the City incurs including but not limited to lien filing and release fees, shall be deemed a penalty in addition to the penalty listed above. In other

Park Place

occurrence. What a great day to enjoy one of St. Matthews's award winning parks. Did you know that St. Matthews has four main parks? Each with its own character and style? Whether you like to leisurely walk in the woods, along a stream, jog among the wetlands, have a picnic, or play ball, St. Matthews's parks have just what you are looking for. We hope that in the coming days and months you will take an opportunity to visit each one, and discover for yourselves, what hidden treasures St. Matthews's

words, in order to qualify for a 40% discount on your tax bill pay your bill on or by October 31st. In order to not be penalized, pay your tax bill in the months of November or December. If any property owner fails to pay the taxes assessed against them prior to January 1, 2012, additional penalties and interest will be added to the bill due. Detailed information can be found on the tax bills, regarding late payments, fines and penalties. The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, is \$10,579,000. For a detailed copy of the budget please visit the city hall offices, during regular business hours, or see the city's website at www.stmatthews.org.

parks are. To learn more about each park, their location, amenities, and more, telephone the "Call St. Matthews" 24/7 automated information News line at



855-INFO (4636) and select option 3, or go to www.stmatthews.org, select Visitors & Residents, then Parks. Meet you at the Park!

The St. Matthews Historical society has new programs for September and October. The September program details historic stations, while the October program details historic railroad bridges. Among the most notable historic stations is John Floyd's off Breckenridge Lane in the vicinity of Jamestown Apartments. Here the restored Floyd spring house and burial ground can still be seen. Other stations include Spring on Trinity Road near Beals Branch, Linn in Plainview, Low Dutch at Brown Park and Sturgis Station behind Oxmoor Mall. **"Stations On Beargrass"** is narrated by Tom Owen and written by the late George Yater. It was originally produced

in the 1980s and funded by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council. It has recently been digitally remastered and updated.



For the Sunday, October 9, meeting Robert Dawson will give a talk titled, **"A Tale of Three Railroad Bridges"**. These are the three bridges that crossed the Ohio River and connected Louisville to Southern Indiana. Two of the bridges are still carrying trains on a daily basis. The bridges are the

Big Four Bridge which is currently being converted to a foot bridge, the Panhandle Bridge better known as the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge or even the 14th Street Bridge. It is currently owned by the Louisville and Indiana Railroad. Finally the third bridge is the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge better known as the K&I Bridge. It is currently owned by the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. Everyone is welcome to attend the free historical society presentations Held at 2:00 p.m. St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Ave. 2nd floor.

Seasons Greetings...

As the summer winds down, residents are reminded that students are returning to school. With their return comes an increase of children walking the streets to designated bus stops and in some cases directly to neighborhood schools. Motorists should be aware of this and should be conscious of their speed throughout neighborhood streets and school zones. In addition, some of our

resident children use bicycles to get to and from school. For those that do ride bikes, please know



that there are bicycle ordinances in effect. One of these laws require all bicycles to have one light

on the front and a red reflector in the back, that will allow for visibility at 500 ft. Parents, please remind your children, while biking, to obey the rules of the road, always ride in the direction of traffic, and be courteous to pedestrians who maybe walking on the sidewalks, crosswalks, or jogging. As a safety measure it is advisable to walk bikes across streets at designated cross walks.



Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day in the observance of Labor Day, during the week of September 5th, 2011.



The St. Matthews Fire Department's ongoing smoke detector program installs around two dozen smoke detectors each month throughout the fire district. Call the business office at 893-7425, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the fire department will schedule the firefighters to stop by a home in addition to their regular canvassing efforts.



The fire district Board of Trustees for the St. Matthews Fire Department passed a fireworks ordinance relating to the sale of fireworks in the fire district. The state of Kentucky has changed the law to allow larger fireworks to be sold in the Commonwealth, but our trustees feel that the larger products are a safety issue and they should not be sold in the area. The city of St. Matthews likewise passed a similar ordinance to that of the fire department.



Hot off the Press

Fire Protection Week will be held October 9th through the 15th this year. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the fire prevention campaign since 1922, spreading awareness of the dangers of fires and inspiring individuals to prevent the deaths, injuries, and destruction they cause. This year's theme focuses on how to protect your family from fire by planning ahead and



integrating simple things into your everyday life. Fires in the home take a great toll on life and property each year. These fires caused an estimated average of 2,650 civilian deaths, 12,890 civilian injuries, and \$7.1 billion in direct property damage per year. Installing

systems such as smoke alarms and residential fire sprinklers can reduce the risk of home fires and property loss, injury, or death due to fire. Nearly two-thirds of home structure fire deaths occur in homes where there was no smoke alarm or where smoke alarms were present but failed to operate.

Failure to plan, is a plan to fail. Make your safety plan today.

Crime Buzz

SMPD would like to remind its citizens that door to door soliciting is prohibited, under most circumstances, in St. Matthews.

Burglars and thieves sometimes use soliciting as a ruse to get into residents homes or to case a residential area for homes, garages and cars to break into.



Citizens should refuse solicitors and immediate contact the police so that they can be checked out, and if they are legitimate, the police can advise them of the city's ordinances pertaining to soliciting.

Police Phone:

893-9000

Anonymous Tip Line:

498-CLUE (2583)

The residents of Saint Matthews are welcome to attend bi-monthly council meetings on the first floor of City Hall.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month.

Your Works at Work

Around the city you can see the various efforts of the City Works Department to improve conditions for our residents. Here is a list of various projects that have recently been completed or are going on right now.

The Works Department has completed a new drainage system with yard drains in the 200 block of Fairfax Avenue.

A new drainage system with new yard drains will be completed in August of 2011 on the 3300 block of Grandview Avenue.

Three side walk sections

have been replaced in the 3400 block of Hycliffe, the 500 block of Oxford Place, and the 4100 block of Winchester road.



Repairs to street and drainage facilities were completed on King Arthur Lane, Nanz Avenue, Comell Place, Alton Road, Taggart Drive, and St. Matthews Avenue. Several streets have been resurfaced

and additional resurfacing is scheduled this fall.

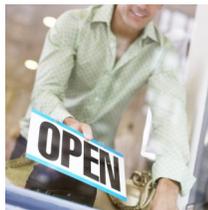
The Community Center Park improvements are nearing completion with new walking paths, landscaping and park features.

The new sidewalk construction on Shelbyville Road is under way with the first of three sections having been started in June of 2011; the second section is scheduled for later this fall.

The City has contracted with an ecological consultant to design a stabilization plan along Beargrass Creek in Brown Park.

Good Neighboring

Buy local and support the local economy. Many citizens and businesses of St. Matthew's may not be aware, but the success of the city is mainly due to it's licensed *St. Matthews'* businesses doing business within the City of St. Matthews. Our city continues to be the home of some of the best local shops, markets and service



centers. It also has attracted national and international retail chain companies that invested and started business that only larger cities see and benefit from. The advantage of buying local in St. Matthews helps not only generate income for the city, but it continues to provide numerous benefits to it's property owners,

residents and businesses. Please do your part and make sure you thank your local St. Matthews restaurants, retail stores, gas stations and even service companies and individuals that continue to help businesses thrive. With this support we can continue to provide the world class services the citizens of St. Matthews expect!



Summer storms leaving debris behind? Your city service provider, Rumpke, will take yard waste that meet these requirement:

- No more then 6 inches in diameter.
- Less then 50 pounds.
- Bundled with twine.
- Placed in marked Yard Waste Only containers.

Pick up your **free** "Yard Waste Only" stickers at city hall, third floor offices.

In the event of a sever storm, where damage is throughout the city or neighborhood, please place fallen limbs on the street easement of your property and city workers will dispose utilizing city equipment.





Don't forget to reserve the pavilion at Brown or Warwick Park, for your special event this year! The pavilion is FREE to reserve. To learn more dial 855-7624 and select option 6.

For the latest updates in the city be sure to check out:

www.stmatthews.org

Also residents can sign up to get notifications from the city on the website.



Would you like the city to plant a new tree in front of your home along the easement, this year? ?

If so call 895-9444, and ask for your new tree today.

Easy Being Green

With the summer storms still underway here are some ideas to help keep St. Matthews Green and Clean. Vehicles are a large source of pollutants in storm water. Oil, antifreeze, and other fluids onto parking lots or during day to day runoff easily carries these where they can eventually clean up antifreeze and other clay cat litter, simply throw litter absorb it, then sweep in a tied bag. If there is any remaining spill on the driveway or parking lot use an ammonia solution to clean it.



can often leak from cars and driveways or can be spilled during maintenance. Storm water fluids to streams and rivers become concentrated ecosystems. A safe way to fluids is to use 100% dried it over the spill and let the the litter up and dispose of it

Another common form of water contamination comes from litter. Litter thrown on the ground, or left discarded, can end up in our storm drains, ditches, and streams. Storm water runoff carries large quantities of street litter to streams, rivers and lakes but it also clogs storm drains and litter is often made of hundreds of years to harmful to birds and entangled in it or mistake it



To reduce street litter here Carry a trash receptacle in trash container each time convenient, grab that quick burger or snack purchase without the usual shopping bag. Do not toss cigarettes onto the ground. Put them in vehicle ashtrays and designated receptacles. Please place all recyclable litter in your recycling bins (if you need a new or additional bin call Rumpke at 568-3800), acceptable recycling items for your recycling collection include:

are few simple suggestions. your car and empty into a you fuel your vehicle. When

1. Plastic bottles #1-7 (soda, milk, detergent, shampoo and small-mouthed bottles)
2. Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars in which food products are packaged.
3. Newspaper, including glossy inserts.
4. Magazines and catalogs (up to 1" thick).
5. Cardboard (must be broken down into maximum of 2 ft. x 2 ft. pieces)
6. Paperboard (cereal and gift boxes)
7. Mixed office paper.
8. Junk mail.
9. Paper bags.
10. Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans.
11. Steel food/tin cans.
12. Empty aerosol cans.

CODE Words

The City of St. Matthews has a variety of residential neighborhoods with houses for every taste and budget. One of the common factors for all residential areas is a uniform City code for fences on residential lots. We often get questions at City Hall about how tall a fence can be on a person's



lot. While each neighborhood has different setback requirements for buildings that affect fence locations, some general guidelines may be helpful in understanding the rules for fences. A good rule of thumb to follow is that any fence between the line of your house and a street cannot be any taller than 4 feet, including any posts, ornaments, etc. So if you draw a line parallel with the street even with your house, you can estimate this area. In any remaining

areas, you can have a fence up to 7 feet in height. These are general guidelines intended to get you started. Corner lots have two streets next to them, and the 4-foot height limit applies for both streets. In addition, for the first 25 feet along each street from the property street corner, no fence OR plant material can be taller than 2 feet. However, plant material may be trimmed of branches between 2 feet and 6 feet.

Be aware that you may place a fence only on your property, and there is usually a grass area of public right-of-way between your property line and the street pavement. If there is a sidewalk, it is usually within the public right-of-way, also. Please contact City Hall for more detailed information if you are interested in these areas.

Finally, there may be a deed restriction on your lot that further limits fences. This is separate from City codes. They are enforced

by individual property owners through legal action. A title search may identify a deed of restrictions; you might check with your realtor. The City does not have records of these.



If you choose to utilize a Portable Storage Container (POD) please be aware that St. Matthews Ordinance # 08-03 states specific guidelines that must be adhered to. To view the entire ordinance, please contact city hall 895-9444, use the 24/7 Automated Information line at 885-SMCH (7624) option 4, or visit www.stmatthews.org.

Eline Library “Check it Out”



On August 7th the Saint Matthews Eline Library, located on the first floor of City Hall, will be adding Sunday hours. The library will be open at 1 p.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Find out more about the St. Matthews Eline Library by telephoning the Call St. Matthews 24/7 News line at 855-INFO (4636) select option 4.

During this year's Crusade for Children, the St. Matthews Fire District collected over \$40,050.00. The fire department would like to thank everyone that made a donation to the Crusade this year.

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Council meetings begin at 7
p.m. on the second and fourth
Tuesday's of each month.

City council meeting minutes
available online at
www.stmatthews.org.

Need To Know?

**Call St. Matthews
Automated Service**

**24/7 Informational Line
638-4STM (4786)**

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Government Access

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