



# St. Matthews Living

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## St. Matthews librarian retires

Retiring St. Matthews Eline Library Branch Manager Susan Irving says she may be leaving her employment with the library, but she'll never leave the library lifestyle. After all, it has been her lifestyle for more than 50 years when she began working for her school library in second grade.

"When I first began as a page in the public library in 1964 during the LBJ administration, I remember how satisfied the ladies I worked with were to match the right book with the right person and how they

in America. Along with returned books, Irving said, "people leave life's problems on the counter, and we want to be there. They don't understand what the doctor was saying about their health or what the counselor said about their child at school. They come to the library to get nonjudgmental help. We're like the TV show Cheers, where everybody knows your name."

Library Clerk Sylvester Gough said Irving demonstrates this caring attitude to her staff. "Susan is one of the most attentive people I've ever met," he said. "She really cares about her employees and how they feel."

Even before working in the library, Irving recalled how her father exposed her to books. "I remember when Dad would take us to the old Highlands library with its impressive potted palms out front and how we were allowed to walk to the Crescent Hill library," she said.

Irving would pass along the library lifestyle to her son. After earning a college degree at the University of Louisville and a Masters in Library Science at the University of Kentucky and working in several other branches, Irving settled in at St. Matthews 20 years ago. She recalled



how her son, now a Chicago attorney, grew up at the branch. "He used to play with his Hot Wheels on the back counter," she said. "When he stayed home sick from school, he slept in a sleeping bag in my office."

The largest change she saw in that 20 years was how information is delivered, moving patrons from hard copy books to computers to media programs and finally to e-books. "Students used to come here to study; now I'm talking to a 90 year-old who has just downloaded her first e-book," she said. "We have enabled our patrons to use the library remotely from home computers, use our app from anywhere and access our databases or online catalog 24 hours a day.

"It's also been wonderful to support patrons through this  
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*Librarians who inspired Irving: (l to r) Claire Jones, Thelma Love, Marianne Evans and manager, Frances Schumann.*

listened to peoples' lives," Irving said.

Today, the librarian's task as a "reader advisor" goes far beyond finding what a patron may like to read, as Irving's mentors well knew. The Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan public opinion research group, has stated that libraries are among the most trusted institutions

# A Message From

Mayor Bowling and City Council Members, as your government servants, have successfully completed another fiscal year on budget. As we turned the calendar to July, the city began the new fiscal year with a carefully planned budget of

\$11,154,571 to provide the residents of St. Matthews with high quality services, beautiful parks and vital amenities. As your elected officials, it is our duty to make clear and concise decisions as good fiscal stewards on behalf of all of the

St. Matthews citizens, and we strive to meet that responsibility. We look forward to continuing to serve you and being of service to you. To view the 2012-2013 annual budget, visit the city website at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org).

## Recycling Made Easier

If you missed World Recycling Day on July 8, you still have time to gear up for America Recycles Day on Nov. 15. Rumpke has made that easier by providing a new recycling cart that holds three times as much recyclables as the former bin. For those who have not received the new cart or have yet to begin recycling, here are some simple steps to get started:

- Call Rumpke at 568-3800 to have a cart delivered
- Go online at [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) and put in your ZIP code to decide what materials may be recycled and what week recycling will be collected (occurs every other week on same day trash is collected)
- Face the recycling cart toward the street (wheels away from the street) and/or position the recycling cart within two feet of the curb
- Avoid placing the cart near a parked car or mailbox, and keep a four foot distance between your cart and another object.
- No need to separate materials; recyclables will be sorted and processed at Rumpke Recycling

**Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as trash on weeks highlighted in red. Holidays are marked in blue and will delay recycling/trash one day.**



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## Back to school reminder

As students return to school in a few weeks, residents of St. Matthews are reminded to watch for buses picking up students,

students who are waiting for buses to arrive and students and crossing guards in school safety zones. Speed limits and warnings

are clearly posted – no amount of hurry is worth a life.

## Park Place

The City of St. Matthews has tentatively brought out the Welcome Wagon for a furry family which has moved into a local park. Ma and Pa Beaver have set up housekeeping in Arthur K. Draut Park between a walking path and Bowling Boulevard near its intersection with Mallard Creek Drive. The beavers have created a dam across a drainage pipe between the water retention area and Beargrass Creek.

Before laying out the welcome mat, The City of

St. Matthews Park Committee met June 4 with a wildlife scientist from the Humane Society of the United States and the City engineer. The group consensus was to monitor the beavers' activity for six months to see how it might affect the park and Beargrass Creek. Ian Timothy, a local beaver enthusiast, will help document the family's industry to track the beaver dam height. At the

June 4 meeting, the group decided that as long as the dam did not get any higher and the beavers didn't do any

significant damage to park trees, they would be allowed to stay.



## Code Words

As vacations come to an end and summer enters its last lazy month, let's remember to put campers, boats and trailers to bed along with the season. What is permissible when storing such vehicles is explained in Section 78.09 of the City Code, "Parking of boats, trailers and RVs." Vehicles that have been parked in front and back yards to make room for recreational vehicles during the summer months

should make their way back to the driveway.

This is also a good time to make sure any inoperable vehicles are removed before the winter months. Codes regarding abandoned, junked or inoperable vehicles are found in Section 90 of the City Code, which states: "The accumulation and storage of one or more of such abandoned or junked vehicles as defined in 90.01 on

private property shall be deemed a nuisance." If you are in doubt whether your vehicle falls into this category, don't check with your neighbor, check out Code 90.01.

To read these codes in their entirety, go to [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org), Government tab, and click on the link below "Ordinances". Look under Titles VII and IX.



# Police Beat

As the recipient of the FBI Director's "Community Leadership Award – 2011," St. Matthews Police Chief Norm Mayer was recognized earlier this year in a national ceremony at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The national award recognizes the achievements of individuals and organizations whose efforts in the crime, drug, gang, violence prevention or education fields have had an exemplary impact on the community. Named head of St. Matthews' police force in 1988, one of Chief Mayer's most important contributions to the community was establishing the School Resource Officer program in Kentucky. By assigning a law enforcement officer to elementary, middle or high

schools, the program addresses the trend of increasing crime and disorder in schools.

Regarding his Washington experience, Chief Mayer commented, "I was very pleased to receive the award on behalf of the entire police department, which is as fine as any in Kentucky." Mayer also noted that theirs was the only Kentucky award bestowed for 2011 and that Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell met with his group to congratulate them.



*St. Matthews Police Chief Norm Mayer (right) accepts an award from FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III in Washington, D.C.*

## Crime Buzz



### ID that thief!

In an effort to help resolve criminal cases involving identity theft, retail theft, credit card fraud, and various other crimes, the St. Matthews Police Department recently began using the Internet website, IDThisPerson.com. Created to

assist law enforcement in identifying suspects or persons of interest related to criminal activity, IDThisPerson.com posts new images every day of unidentified suspects or persons of interest. Viewers who help identify subjects in an anonymous format can receive a \$25 reward.

Every year the loss of billions of dollars is linked to identity theft and more than a billion is related to retail theft. Citizens ultimately pay for these costs when businesses pass them on to consumers. The St. Matthews Police Department encourages citizens to visit IDThisPerson.com to help ensure the success of this partnership.

### Free house watch

Making a trip to take your son or daughter to college? Some of our newer residents may not know that the St. Matthews Police Department provides free house watches for those times residents are away for vacations, hospital stays, weekend trips, funerals, etc. Call 893-9000 to set up a free watch.

### Call 498-CLUE

As always, any crime can be reported through the Anonymous Tip Line at 498-CLUE (2583).



St. Matthews' red hot solution for emergencies is the Code Red emergency alert system instituted by Metro Louisville last fall. If you have not signed up for this free service, which provides text, email and phone alerts for life-threatening situations, potentially

## Eline Library

As the back-to-school hype begins, keep the kids busy and prepared with a magnet making class and ACT boot camp at your Eline Library. Adults can get ready to snap and scrap their child's first year by taking digital camera and photo editing classes.

### ACT Boot Camp

Saturday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
A two-hour workshop that explores the ACT in-dept, covering each area

dangerous incidents and severe weather, go to [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org) and click on the link at the bottom of the article.

If you do not own a computer, use one at Eline Library to sign up for phone and/or text alerts. Those who cannot visit the library may call MetroCall 311 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and have a city employee enter their information into the system. Citizens are especially encouraged

of the test as well as strategies for success and tips for relieving stress and anxiety. Limit 40.  
Ages: 12-19

### Magnet Making Fun!

Monday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.  
Create fun magnets with pictures of your favorite things.  
Ages: 12-19

### Digital Cameras for Beginners

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2:30 p.m.

to sign up for text alerts as most residents always have their cell phones with them. Code Red has the ability to alert 1,500 numbers per minute.

Please note: If you had previously signed up for the topic Severe Weather and Homeland Security Alerts from the city's e-newsletter system, GovDelivery, Code Red replaces that alerting notification topic, but you must sign up for Code Red.

Got a new digital camera for Christmas? Come learn how to use it!  
Ages: Adults

### Using Picasa

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2:30 p.m.  
Learn how to use Google's free photo editing software.  
Ages: Adults

To register for these or any other classes, call the library at 574-1771.

## Librarian retires

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*Susan Irving in 1992.*

recession by helping them fill out job applications online and during

lifestyle changes like empty nesting, retirement and losing a spouse. Children who used to come to story hour now bring their children.

"The incredible patrons who come through our doors have all been special to me as have the library staff," Irving continued, "but it is our community partnerships that have really impressed me and strengthened our 'neighborhood' style. I've written letters of support for grants to both the Beargrass Historical Society and the Alexander Hamilton Society.

We've hosted over a hundred civic groups from garden clubs to Alzheimer's support. Having the library serve as a meeting place has really encouraged users to see us as a resource center and not just a book repository."

It is those same resources, Susan says, that put her in the perfect place for retirement on Aug. 31. "Susan still has another life to live," said Library Assistant Anne Rockwell. "She has so many ideas in her head, I don't know if she'll have enough time to do them all."

# Historical St. Matthews

Historical Society programs are held on the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. at St. Matthews City Hall located at 3940 Grandview Avenue. Upcoming programs are as follows:

## September 9

To commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, this program will feature Governor Issac Shelby (portrayed by Mel Hankla of American Historic Services). Gov. Shelby distinguished himself not only as a two-time Kentucky governor, but, while governor, he personally led the Kentucky Militia in the Battle of the Thames in October 1813, an action that was rewarded with a Congressional Gold Medal.

## October 14

Climb on board as Bob Dawson presents October's slide show program, "A Tale of Three Bridges," featuring the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge, also known as the 14th Street



Bridge or the Panhandle Bridge, the K & I Bridge and the Big Four Bridge. The first two bridges are still being used by railroads, and the Big Four Bridge is currently being converted to a pedestrian bridge. Bob's presentation will take the audience through the

history of the bridges, including their impact on Louisville and Southern Indiana and the personalities involved.

## November 11

The Historical Society will continue its commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812 with a portrayal of First Lady Dolley Madison. Arguably one of the most dynamic first ladies in American history, Dolley Madison's account of the attack on Washington City by British troops in August 1814 will be portrayed by a performer from the Frazier Museum.

## Easy Being Green

Despite what our friend Kermit the Frog says, it's easy being green when it comes to the environment.

**Don't litter:** Discard trash, including cigarette butts and recyclables, into designated waste receptacles. Never dump anything down storm drains or in creeks.

**Fix fluid leaks on your car:** Rain can wash these hazardous liquids into storm drains which flow into creeks. Take your vehicle to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway, where the wash water will run into the gutters, street and storm drain.

**Pick up after your pets:** Don't let the rain wash their waste into our water system.

**Prevent erosion:** Plant over bare spots in your yard to help prevent sediment from washing out into the street or storm drain system.

**Dispose of electronics properly:** Electronics shouldn't be disposed of in landfills because many of their components, such as circuit boards, batteries and cathode-ray tubes may contain hazardous materials that can be released into the environment. Proper handling is necessary to ensure that toxins such as lead, mercury and chromium can't pose a threat to human and animal health. Check out sites such as [www.recyclelouisville.com](http://www.recyclelouisville.com) for ways to recycle safely.





# Your Works at Work

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Whenever St. Matthews residents see sidewalks being built or drains being placed, they can be assured their Works Department is behind it. Here are some of the completed and current projects for this year:

- Drainage system with yard drains installed in the 3700 block of Plymouth Road
- Drainage pipe installed in the easement between houses on Hillsboro Road
- Drainage system installed in the 700 block of Kentucky Avenue, providing yard drains in the rear and drains in the street right-of-way
- Brown Park Stream Restoration Project scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1
- Sidewalk construction on Shelbyville Road continues through 2012



*St. Matthews' Works Department personnel put in drains on Kentucky and Columbia Avenues.*

## Good Neighboring



### Hot cars perilous for children, pets

According to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 33 children in the U.S. died from heatstroke (hyper-thermia) in 2011 and 49 in 2010. Statistics show that more than half of the children who died were simply forgotten and another 30% were playing in a parked vehicle.

Temperatures inside cars can soar to 120 or 130 degrees in just a few minutes even when the outdoor temperature is only in the 80s. If you see an unattended child in a car, call 911 immediately.

In addition to children, mentally or physically disabled adults and pets are at equally at risk. The solution to preventing more deaths this year is to form new habits (see right).

### Form Lifesaving Habits

Leave cell phone, briefcase, etc. on backseat floor

Seat child behind front passenger seat

Keep stuffed toy in empty car seat; move toy to front seat when child occupies car seat

Always lock parked cars



### Leash law reminder

St. Matthews has a leash law which states that pet owners must keep their cats, dogs and other animals on a leash when not on the resident's property. If the animal is in an unfenced area on the owner's property, it must be under the control of the owner at all times. Owners may not substitute an electric collar

for a leash. See Ordinance 88.03 at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org).

### Mow your grass alleys

Keeping your grass alleys mowed and trimmed is an important part of being a good neighbor. Some benefits of well kept alleyways are:

- Good drainage
- Less rodents and other vermin
- Easier access for utility companies

### Yard waste stickers

Free stickers for your designated yard waste cans are available at City Hall.

### [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org)

If you have questions regarding these topics or other City information, go to [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org) or dial 638-4STM (4786) for the 24/7 Call St. Matthews information system.

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Frank Flynn

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

Martha Schade

Richard Tonini

Tony Weiter

Patrick Wissing

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

City Council meeting minutes are  
online at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org).

## **Need to know?**

Call St. Matthews

Automated Service

24/7 Information Line

**638-4STM (4786)**

Administration Press 1

Services Press 2

News Press 3

Police Press 4

## **Government Access**

City Hall Office: 895-9444

Code Enforcement: 899-2512

Police Department: 893-9000

City Engineer: 899-2518

Property Taxes: 899-2511

Police Records: 899-2537

**Anonymous Tip Line:**  
**498-CLUE**  
**(2583)**

**Emergency: 911**