

## A Perfect Fit

This past August the City welcomed a new City Clerk, Susan Clark. Native of Jefferson County, Susan worked in Washington, D.C., for seven years with the Senate and then worked at the White House. She was initially a letter writer for the First lady and then on the President's Economic Summit. For the last 20 years she has worked at the Jefferson County Clerk's office, 18 of which she spent in the Elections Office. Susan oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Elections process, including the registration of over 500,000 voters in Jefferson County, election administration, and safety

and security of over 2,000 voting machines. Susan says that when she moved back to the state after working in D.C. she wanted to "live in St. Matthews", so she

she's still learning but this job has been a joy for her as she tries to provide daily assistance to our residents and workers. Susan said, when asked about how she feels being



the City Clerk, "I am the luckiest girl in the world that the Council allows me to be of assistance to them and to the community, and I am blessed that Mayor Bowling allows me to spend my life in

chose to settle here where she lives even now with her son Will. "I want to spend my time being of service to my community and this is a perfect fit for me," Susan said. She says

such a meaningful way." Susan also has something to say to our residents, "I look forward to meeting you and I hope that you feel the staff of *"your community"* are here to serve you.



## A Message From

In our excitement of celebrating the arrival of 2012 and all the expectations it brings, we, your representatives, would like to take a moment to summarize all that 2011 represented. As city officials, it is our challenge to provide our residents, and visitors to our city, with quality services and facilities. Whether it be a response for assistance, a free house watch during a time away from home, or just a police presence

around our homes and businesses. Debris removal after severe wind storm damages, street treatments for snow storms, removal of those falling leaves, maintenance in our four major city parks, a new surface water drainage system or new sidewalks or repairs, our police officers and public works employees have strived to give only their best. Let us not overlook the helpful

and knowledgeable personnel in the offices of city hall, who cheerfully address the most troublesome concerns of callers and visitors, steadfast to find resolution. We, your city representatives entrust that your expectations for 2011 were met and that we resolve to be persistent in 2012 in continuing to make the City of St. Matthews a great place to live, work, and play.

## A New Year

The St. Matthews Area Business Association (SMABA) has officially become a Chamber of Commerce. With the changes comes a new

website where you can learn more, [stmatthewschamber.com](http://stmatthewschamber.com).

As one of their last acts as SMABA they

recognized some amazing people in the

St. Matthews community at their annual December



2012 recipients from left to right. Front: Dot Patterson, Wilma Miller, Bull Durham, Peggy Campbell, Rosemary Viele. Middle: Father David Zettel, Earl Visse, Stan Curtis, Shelley Kinslow, Robert Haswell, Glenn Knight, Mike Heitz. Back: Joseph Leffert, Captain Don Ryan, and Detective Harvey Hunt. Not pictured: Regina Kurtz.

Community Pride breakfast. Each of the recipients were nominated by an

organization in the community.

## Seasons Greetings

With winter in full swing there are a few things that residents should know about their St. Matthews services .

When it snows in the city be sure to park your cars in the driveway rather than the street so that snowplows can move unimpeded through the streets. The City of St. Matthews completely clears and treats it's streets so you'll

want to be sure that they can get through.

If you have storm damage and need to dispose of tree limbs,



place them at the curb edge and city crews will come by and haul them away. There is no specific schedule, but normally the

crews make several trips through the city.

After heavy snowfalls and when sidewalks are icy , St. Matthews residents must carry their garbage cans, along with recycling container, out to the street for pick.

Residents please remember not to leave your car running when you're not in it. This practice invites thieves to take advantage of you and wastes gas that pollutes the air. In fact, its illegal.

## Park Place

Community Center Park trail and bridge construction has been completed. There will be several more trees and wild flowers planted over the winter months. The safety call station located at the entrance to the park should be activated soon. Design work is proceeding for a new restroom and

pavilion for the baseball field area of Community

Park. That work will start after the 2012 baseball season.



The non native plant removal at Brown Park

has been completed. The design work and construction bidding for

the Beargrass Creek restoration plan should be completed during January with construction work to begin in July. Following the stream restoration a plan will be implemented for replanting trees and native Kentucky

grasses in the park during the fall of 2012.



## Crime Buzz

Suspicious or annoying solicitors in your neighborhood? Call 893-9000 to report them to the St. Matthews Police Department. An officer will check them out to insure that they are legitimate and make sure they have the proper St. Matthews city business license. In addition to street name, please be prepared to give a description of the person(s) and in what direction they were going away from your home. You do not have to leave your name with the dispatcher.

## Trash Talk

No Pickup:

- Memorial Day Monday May 28
- Independence Day Wednesday July 4
- Labor Day Monday September 3
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 22
- Christmas Day Tuesday December 25

Call Rumpke at 568-3800 if you have any questions about pickups. All pickups will be 1 day later.

## Hot off the Press

The cost of home-heating fuels and utilities has caused many residents to search for alternate sources of home heating. All these methods of heating may be acceptable; however, they are a major contributing factor in residential fires.

Many of these fires can be prevented. The St. Matthews & Lyndon Fire Protection Districts encourage you to follow these safety tips to maintain a fire-safe home

this winter:

1. Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting.
2. Do not use flammable liquids

heating system.

4. Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in

contact with

water.

Contact your local fire department for



to start or accelerate a fire in a fireplace or wood stove.

3. Keep trash and other combustibles away from the

advice if you have a question on Home Fire Safety. St. Matthews Fire can be reached at 893-7825 while Lyndon Fire can be reached at 425-1566.



## CODE Words



As the cold weather settles in, we can anticipate the arrival of snowfall. While the depth of the snow usually varies by the event, accumulation of any depth on the sidewalks throughout the City creates a serious hazard for those using the sidewalks. St. Matthews has an Ordinance (92.02) requiring the occupant of property abutting a public street in the City to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of the

property within 24 hours after the fall of snow. This requirement is for the safety of everyone, and, when everyone does their part, what seems like a large task is accomplished with a little effort from all and not with a lot of effort by a few.

Also, during the winter months we receive numerous complaints about trailers, campers, and boats parked or stored on residential property. The same rules that apply to commercial

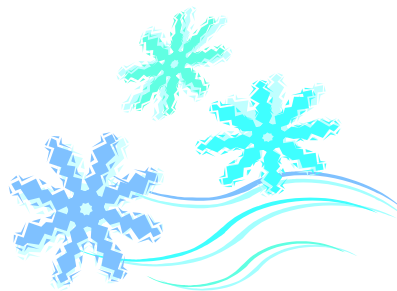
vehicles, motor homes, and trucks also apply to trailers, campers, and boats. Ordinance 78.09 prohibits parking or storing any of these vehicles in any front or street side yard or on a private driveway of a residential lot between a line along the front of the building on the lot and the paved portion of the public street or on any street within a residential district. If you have any questions please call City Hall at 895-9444.

## Good Neighboring

Here are a few simple tips for citizens to be good neighbors this winter:

1. If residents have a sanitary sewer back up, they can contact MSD 24/7 at 587-0603
2. Given that winter months are dark, report a non-working street light or one that will just not turn off, dial the *Call St. Matthews* Information System, 498-CALL ( 2255) , and pick

option # 4 ( This will connect you directly to LG&E outdoor lighting



- department )
3. Maintain tight fitting lids on garbage cans to keep out animals, and water that can ice up in winter. If garbage

cans are heavy with ice, Rumpke will not empty.

4. Be a good neighbor during snowy weather. Clear the sidewalks in and around your property. This will provide a safe walkway for your paper carrier, letter carrier, delivery persons and make your fellow neighbors very happy. Even helping that elderly or disabled neighbor with their walk ways is gratefully appreciated.

## Historical St. Matthews

The upcoming programs for the St. Matthews Historical Society are:

- "George Washington", February 12, presented by Nelson Dawson.
- "The Great Louisville Tornado of 1890", March 11, presented by Keven McQueen.



"Louisville & the Civil War", April 1, presented by Bryan Bush.

All programs are free, open to the public, and held at

city hall, 2nd floor at 2 p.m.

The Alexander Hamilton Historical Societies annual symposium will be held Saturday, February 18 at the UofL Chao Auditorium. The program, "Separation of Powers: The Structural Heart of the Constitution" is free and open to the public. For more information telephone 897-5726.

## Easy Going Green

To remain green in the winter months residents should consider using non-toxic de-icing substances such as clean clay cat litter, sand or fireplace and stove ash to prevent hazardous waste from

chemicals. Chemical de-icers can be hazardous to your pets, your trees and shrubs, and the environment at large.

Antifreeze that leaks from car engines and chemical snow melters on driveways and

roads, can pollute surface waters and groundwater through the soil.



## EConnection to Your Government

The city of St. Matthews is building a collection of email addresses for city residents who would like to be periodically notified of important information such as

street closings, snow removal, leaf collection dates, storm debris pick ups and city newsletters. For those interested, there are several ways to sign up. Submit the green form

included with the recent tax bills, access the city website at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org), visit the city hall office, or telephone 895-9444.

# Your Works at Work

The St. Matthews works department has been busy this season. A few of the current and upcoming projects include:

1. The Grandview Avenue drainage project is currently being constructed between Iola Avenue and Macon Avenue.
2. The first section of sidewalk improvements on Shelbyville Road has been completed, the next section of sidewalk construction will begin in early 2012.
3. The Community Center Park improvements were completed in November.
4. Drainage improvements at Kentucky Avenue and Columbia Avenue are scheduled for the summer of 2012.



## Police Beat

St. Matthews Police Chief Norman Mayer was recently honored by the Ky. Bureau of the FBI, in recognition of his contributions to crime prevention and education which have had an important impact throughout the state. In 1996, Chief Mayer established the first "School Resource Officer" (SRO) pro-

gram in Kentucky. With his fore thinking and proactive approach, a St. Matthews police officer was, and is, assigned full time at the local public school, Waggner High. The officer works on building relations with students and faculty, observing actions on



Pictured Left to Right: Granddaughter Alison, daughter-in-law Tara, son Norm Jr., grandson Nick, Chief Mayer, wife Mary Mayer, Mr. Scott Brunner, assistant Special Agent in Charge of the KY office of the FBI, Mr. David J. Beyer U.S. Dept. of Justice FBI.

school property and responding quickly to abate situations that may occur on, or regarding, the school campus. The program became a national model for law enforcement agencies and

schools throughout the United States. Today there are approximately 200 SROs in Kentucky. Chief Mayer encouraged his SRO to become a national SRO training instructor. To date, that officer has trained over 400 police officers nationwide to fill this important role.

Chief Mayer will be afforded the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. in March 2012 to be personally recognized by FBI director Robert S. Mueller III at a national ceremony to be held at FBI Headquarters.

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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 online at  
[www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org).

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Call St. Matthews

Automated Service

24/7 Informational Line

638-4STM (4786)

Administration Press 1

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### **Government Access**

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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**