

St. Matthews Líving

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Years of know-how a boon to St. Matthews

Though there has been no flag-waving and no fireworks to mark the occasion, City Attorney Foster Haunz has celebrated a bicentennial in his practice of municipal law. Since 1962, he has represented many suburban cities for a collective total of more than 200 years.

A graduate of Notre Dame Law School, Haunz has done business in Jefferson County's district and circuit courts, in the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, and, in 1972, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been the president of the Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky for two terms. In 52 years, he has practiced out of only two offices, first in the Kentucky Home Life Building and currently at One Riverfront Plaza.

Haunz has been St.
Matthews' attorney since
1977. In those 37 years, St.
Matthews has nearly doubled

in size. "St.

Matthews isn't
out there to
grab land to
expand," said
Haunz, "but if an
over-whelming
number of
people in a
smaller city
desire to receive
the good
services
provided here,
the city

considers it." Just such a scenario unfolded when five sixth-class cities petitioned to merge into St. Matthews, a fourth-class city. Haunz handled the merger of Cherrywood Village, Springlee, Fairmeade, Broad Fields, and Plymouth Village in 2001. It was not his first experience.

Annexation has grown the City of St. Matthews' population and its tax base. St. Matthews residents receive services such as garbage pickup, snow plowing, and



City Attorney Foster Haunz has worked with the citizens of St. Matthews for 37 years.

street maintenance. Large commercial ventures, such as the malls and hospitals, pay taxes as they take advantage of good roads and police assistance, but don't use a lot of services. The taxes they pay help keep taxes lower for residents. St. Matthews hasn't had a tax increase in about 25 years.

"One of the greatest helps to St. Matthews has been the occupational license tax," said Haunz. The City has used occupational and insurance

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A Message From...

Tax discount

City of St. Matthews residents saved \$1.3 million last year by paying their property taxes early. The City offers a 40% discount to residents who pay their property taxes on or before October 31.

City audit

The City received a clean bill of financial health from Stephens and Lawson, CPA's, during its 2012-2013 audit. David May reviewed the audit with the CPA firm, who found all materials to be in order with no incidences of noncompliance.

To view city expenditures and minutes of city council

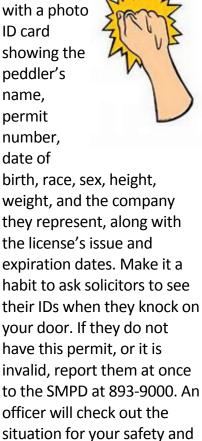
meetings, visit the City's website at stmatthew.org.

Solicitations

The mayor and city council are working on constructing an ordinance to address door to door solicitations within the City of St. Matthews limits. The purpose of the new ordinance is two-fold: 1) to curtail opportunities of would-be burglars who pose as solicitors to survey premises; and 2) to address other issues, such as the time of day solicitations may be conducted.

Currently, all solicitors in Louisville Metro, which includes the areas in the City of St. Matthews, must have a peddler's license. The license

is issued with a photo ID card showing the peddler's name, permit number, date of



Senior Care Experts sponsors drive-by events

On Saturday, May 17, you may dispose of documents for shredding and unused medication



products without getting out of your car. Senior Care Experts, an organization that helps seniors live independently, is sponsoring two drive-by events at 145 Thierman Lane, next to Wal-Mart.

From 9 a.m. to noon, you may bring your personal and business papers to drop off for shredding. A+ Paper Shredding notes that, according to the Federal Trade Commission,

one out of every 33 people will have their identity stolen this year. There are many ways to reduce that risk, but chief among them is having your business and personal documents shredded. Shredded paper should never be sold or donated. Senior Care Experts is requesting a \$5 donation per vehicle to support its mission.

the safety of others.

The Louisville Metro Police Department's Prescription Drug Diversion Unit has teamed up with Senior Care Experts to sponsor a drug toss from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the same location. Bring expired or unused medications, bulk or loose tablets and capsules, and medications that should have been kept cold but were not. Black out all personal

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Easy Being Green

St. Matthews makes recycling easy, but citizens have to do their part. Take a look at what you are tossing in the trash, then visit the city website at stmatthews.org to learn what can be recycled. Also consider donating items rather than tossing them in the trash or the recycle bin. One man's trash truly may be another man's treasure.

Following is a list of items and possible donation or recycle sites:

 Plastic bags: recycle bins in front of most grocery stores

- Packing materials (Styrofoam noodles, bubble wrap, foam, air filled packs): most any shipping location such as the UPS Store or other local mailer
- Batteries of any kind:
 Batteries Plus locations
- Ink Cartridges: business supply stores, such as Staples or Office Depot – they may give you cash or store credit
- Hanging flower containers: plant centers or nurseries
- Building materials, fixtures, furnishings, etc., left over from a home improvement project: local charities such as

- Habitat Restore or Habitat for Humanity
- Large office copies, such as building plans: local daycares for children to draw on
- Electronics: designated collection sites or a local charity, if working
- Cell phones and accessories: local charities
- Bike or bike parts: local charity such as the Pedal Power Project, which rehabs bikes for refugee

families

Donate to needy organizations through DonorsResource.org

It's time for spring cleaning, and many residents will want to clear away their clutter. If you have multiple items you no longer use or need, but don't know where to donate them, DonorsResource. org has the answer.

DonorsResource.org was launched in Greater Louisville in July 2012. It provides an on-line hub and nonprofit directory through which you may easily find an organization close to home

that needs the items you have to give. There are about 100 organizations utilizing the site to find needed donations.

When you post an item for donation on the DonorsResource.org site, you will be contacted by a local organization that would like to receive your donation. Since every organization utilizing DonorsResource.org is required to be classified as tax-exempt by the

IRS, you are certain to be able to deduct your donations.

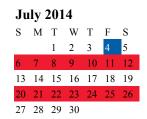
You may post an item for donation by logging onto the website and clicking on the big pink "DONATE" button. You can also follow them on Facebook at DonorsResource.org/Kentucky. If you have further questions, you may contact Susan Spalding, Community Director, at 338-6733 or at susan@DonorsResource.org.



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.







Police Beat



Making crime pay

You've heard the old adage, "you pay for your mistakes." This is doubly true for criminals who not only receive jail time, but have their property confiscated by the police. If a criminal is convicted of the crime he is accused of committing, the police may keep confiscated property, including vehicles, belongings, and cash.

SMPD has confiscated enough property from arrests over the last 12 months to purchase the following equipment:

- Three Trucks: one for use as a K-9 unit and two to haul confiscated property, police equipment, etc.
- 40 Glock model 22 duty weapons, 40 Glock model 27 off-duty weapons, holsters, and ammunition
- Steel targets for use at the firing range for re-

- certification and a trailer used to haul and house all firing range equipment
- Special Response Team equipment, including full body armor, ballistic helmets, and soft body armor for 11 officers
- Miscellaneous items such as Def-Tech OC Spray (Mace) and tourniquets for 39 police vehicle emergency medical kits
- Computers and software for the Accident Reconstruction Team and the Criminal Investigation Division
- Crime Scene Unit supplies, including cameras for all five unit officers
- Surveillance cameras, recorders, and wireless modems for evidence garages
- Cameras, a computer, and software for the Criminal Investigation Division interview room

The purchase of this equipment not only improves SMPD and the safety of St. Matthews' citizens, but it doesn't cost them a penny.

Police re-certification

The police department recently re-certified all officers on the use of batons and pepper spray. It also conducted Rapid Deployment training in several local schools. SMPD is grateful to St. Matthews Fire Protection

SMPD Anonymous Tip Line

If you have seen something suspicious, you can alert the police anonymously by calling 498-CLUE (2583), Option 1. To report a crime in progress, call SMPD directly at 893-9000. You do not have to give your name.

District for hosting the classroom portion of the training. They would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity, and Waggener for hosting the practical exercises.

Don't leave children, pets in car

With warm weather approaching, the SMPD would like to remind you never to leave a child or animal unattended in your vehicle. On a warm, sunny day, temperatures inside a car can reach dangerous levels very quickly. Every year at least one child and several pets die inside a hot car somewhere in the Kentucky/Indiana region. Let's not let it happen this year.



Park Place

Restroom/concession stand

The new Community Center restroom/concession stand was



completed a few weeks ago just in time for ball season. An already completed structure was finished off with utilities, drywall, and paint.

Tree planting

City works crews are actively planting 92 additional trees in the city parks, right-of-ways, and green spaces around the

city. NativeScapes, Inc., which has been contracted by the city to remove non-native invasive plants from city parks, has also planted 237 trees in Draut Park as part of the restoration project. Continually improving our parks and the tree canopy in St. Matthews is important to the environment and a priority to city leaders.

St. Matthews baseball in full swing

April through June is ball season in St. Matthews. Grab a hot dog and cola from the refreshment stand and find your place in the bleachers to watch area boys and girls, ages 4 to 15 years, join in America's favorite pastime. The games are free.

Ball games are played Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. Saturday games begin at 10 a.m. and end around 9 p.m. Sunday is reserved for make-up games, due to rain outs; games begin at 1 p.m.

Take your place behind the plate or along the first base line and enjoy free entertainment on a summer evening. The ball park is located at 310 Ten Pin Lane, St. Matthews Community Park, across the street from the Mall St. Matthews.

For more information on specific times and dates, go to stmatthewsbaseballandsoftball. com. Meet you at the park!

Summer Babe Ruth

The Summer Babe Ruth league, ages 13-15 years, runs from May 19 to July 10. The Championship Week is June 6-14.

Coaches for this league are still needed. Email stmatthewsballpark@yahoo. com if you can coach.



Crime Buzz

Lock your doors

When working in your yard, keep the doors to your house locked. Thieves have been known to enter homes while folks are out in their yards.

Don't leave windows open while you are away from home, even to run a quick errand. It only takes a moment for a thief to take advantage of the easy opportunity.



ID This Person

If you believe you can identify a person involved in criminal activity, check out IDthisperson.com . New images are posted every day of

unidentified suspects. Anonymous tipsters who help identify criminals may receive a \$25 reward.

Free house watch

With vacations just around the corner, don't forget that SMPD provides free house watches for residents who are away from home. Call 893-9000 to schedule.

Good Neighboring



Slow down and clean up

With the warmer weather, more people, including children, will be out of doors. To do your part in keeping the neighborhood safe, be careful to note speed limit signs. Also, keep debris off sidewalks and don't block sidewalks with vehicles. Pedestrians need a safe place to walk without fear of tripping or being forced into the street.

Be a good neighbor. Don't amass junk and debris in front of your home for weeks. Call Rumpke, and have it taken away.

Mowing

With warmer weather comes grass mowing.
When cutting grass, don't blow clippings into a neighbor's driveway, onto the sidewalk, or into the street.

Grass alleys

Remember to mow grass alleys and keep them clear so that emergency workers can access utility poles. Keeping alleys cleaned out also prevents thieves or assailants from hiding there. Mowing them promotes good drainage and keeps down the rodent population.

Garbage/recycling cans

Garbage cans should not be set out until the day before pickup. Cans should be put away the same day they are emptied. Good neighbors don't leave them out for days.

Pet peeves

When you take your pet for a walk, remember that it must be on a leash and that St. Matthews prohibits electric collars as a substitute. Also remember to take a baggie along to pick up after your pet.



Barking dogs can be another pet peeve. Allow your neighbors the peace they deserve and keep your dog quiet – especially after hours.

Metro Council announces updates on District 7 projects

Washburn Quiet Zone

The Washburn
Quiet Zone, an
undertaking that
will eliminate loud
train whistles at the
Washburn Avenue
crossing, continues
to progress.

In March, Metro Council's District 7 office appropriated

\$8,500 in additional funds to

proceed with the acquisitions of right of way properties. Once the properties are acquired, construction can begin. CSX will be responsible for the construction of the

crossing and installing the equipment.

Hubbards Lane Project

A second public meeting on the Hubbards Lane Project will be held May 29 from 7-9 p.m. in the Trinity High School cafeteria. District 7 Councilman Ken Fleming will be on hand to give an update on recent progress in the road widening project as well as to listen to comments and answer questions.

Your Works at Work

Works

- The Works crew has been busy:
- Plowing snow from the streets and picking up ice storm debris
- Patching pot holes
- Planting trees in city parks and city right-of-ways
- Painting trees in Draut Park to protect them from

destruction by the beavers who inhabit the park

 Repairing ball field fencing and completing other



necessary projects to ensure the ball park is ready for ball season

 Clearing debris from the Community Center and Draut and Brown parks

Construction

Work performed by the Construction crew over the past few months includes:

- Continuing the Winchester drainage project. Due to improvement in weather conditions, the utility relocation can now resume.
- Making drainage improvements to the sidewalk at Ridgeway and Oeshli avenues
- Repairing a storm sewer on Fairfax Avenue
- Concluding the grading on the Cornell drainage project

Code Words

Yard care

It's Kentucky. One week it's cold and icy and the next it's spring and the grass is already five inches high. If you haven't gotten your yard equipment ready for the growing season, now is the time. To give your lawn mower a tune-up, change the oil, the sparkplug, and the air filter. Make sure your mower belt is free of cracks and other wear. Sharpen your mower and clipper blades and your tiller tines.

Remember that St. Matthews Ordinance § 94.04 states: "It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property within the city to permit weeds or grass to grow greater than eight inches in height on the property."

Parking

In places where parking is not restricted on city streets, vehicles parked for longer than 24 hours without moving are considered abandoned and can be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Cars parked on streets should be facing the same direction as the flow

of traffic on their side and should not be parked closer than 30 feet from any intersection. No car should block or interfere with the vehicle access of a neighbor's driveway.



Louisville Gas & Electric

502-589-1444

Fast path options are: 1-1-1 (gas) and 1-1-2 (electric).

Emergency Contact Numbers

Louisville Water Company

502-583-6610

To report emergencies like water main breaks or broken fire hydrants.

Hot Off the Press

Plan your escape

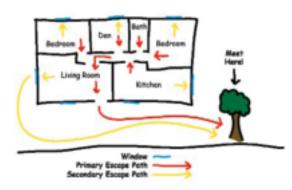
To keep loved ones safe, every family needs to have a plan of escape in case of fire. Just a few minutes of planning can prevent a lifetime of regret.

To start, draw a basic diagram of your home, marking all windows and doors, and plan two routes out of each room. Have your family practice the escape routes.
Then make a plan that includes the

following:

- Practice finding your way out of the house with your eyes closed, crawling or staying low and feeling your way out of the house.
- Never open doors that are hot to the touch.

- Teach your family to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if their clothes catch on fire.
- Designate a meeting place outside and take attendance. Get out and stay out.



 Remember to escape first, then call 9-1-1 and notify the fire department.

When a fire breaks out, you have only seconds to escape its heat, black smoke, and deadly gases. You can dramatically increase the chances of surviving a fire

simply by installing and maintaining working smoke alarms in your home. This life-saving device can help alert you and your family to a fire and increase time needed for escape.

Simple safety tips

- Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside bedrooms.
 If you keep your bedroom doors closed, place a smoke alarm in each bedroom.
- Check smoke alarms each month. Change batteries yearly when you reset your clocks to Daylight Savings Time. Replace smoke alarm every 10 years.
- If cooking smoke sets off the alarm, do not disable it. Turn on the range fan, open a window, or wave a towel near the alarm.

Senior Care

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information on all medication containers. They will not accept medications from hospitals or medical offices.

Due to safety hazards, they cannot accept: used or unused sharps, hypodermic needles, or lances and cosmetics, personal care, or hygiene items. Detectives from the Louisville Metro Police Department's Prescription Drug Diversion

Unit will be on hand to make sure all products are safely collected and properly disposed of according to EPA standards.

Medication products should never be flushed down the toilet or drain, burned in the open, or thrown in the trash because they can contaminate the environment if they get into drinking and ground water. They may kill bacteria or produce drug

resistant bacteria in sewage treatment plants and septic systems if flushed down the drain. Burning can release toxic pollutants into the air. They can be scavenged from your trash receptacles to be illegally used or sold. They can be taken mistakenly and cause serious health problems.

Remember, this is a driveby event so there is no need to leave your vehicle.

City attorney

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premium taxes to expand its network of parks, provide a resource officer at Waggener High School, and relieve drainage problems, among other things. Since St. Matthews handles its own drainage, most residents don't pay a drainage fee on their water bill.

There are times when Haunz has to handle the collection of delinquent taxes. "As a good-

will ambassador and a representative of the 99% of residents who do pay their taxes, we can't allow taxes to go unpaid," he said.

A few times a year he defends claims against the city. He also

advises the St. Matthews Police Department regarding criminal law, but, since those suits go through the Commonwealth's office, he doesn't try those cases.

Other legal tasks Haunz performs include drafting ordinances and drawing up contracts. "I'm reviewing an ordinance right now concerning the parking of trucks, boats, etc.," he said. Two ordinances that must be drafted every year are the tax levy and the budget. Other ordinances include those

for zoning, sign regulations, and annexations.

The City has contracts with various suppliers of services and goods. Any contract worth more than \$20,000 has a mandatory sealed bidding process. When it comes to bids for the City, Haunz goes the extra mile. The law requires the City to advertise its need for contracted work just once in the *Courier-Journal*. "But what



City Attorney Foster Haunz administers the Oath of Office to SMPD Officer Jeff May.

if a major contractor doesn't read the paper that day?" asked Haunz. "To get the City more bids, and, thus, a better price, I send the bid package to a large number of contractors to make sure they are aware of the bidding process."

Ethical considerations that arise concerning contracts must be handled properly. "Say a bid comes in three hours late, but it is lower than any received before the deadline," said Haunz. Some would think getting the best price would trump sticking to the letter of

the law, but Haunz said this will not get you the best price in the long run. "If you have a reputation for being fair, then more companies will bid because they know they have a fair chance to win the bid," he said.

That kind of reputation has stood St. Matthews in good stead. Said Haunz, "St. Matthews is an example to other communities about

operating within a budget and keeping a surplus to cover emergencies." A few years ago, that careful planning allowed the City to donate some of its used police cars to a town in eastern Kentucky whose police department

had been wiped out by a tornado. "It was the right thing to do, and we are respected for it," said Haunz.

Summing up 200 years of collective municipal experience, Haunz continued, "St. Matthews is a wonderful place to work and its good mayor and council persons practically donate their time. But, as a matter of ethics, I don't represent the mayor or the city council. Just like them, I represent the citizens of St. Matthews and deal with the public accordingly."

Seasons Greetings

Community Festival to be held May 17



The 3rd Annual St. Matthews Street Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Frankfort Avenue between

Lexington Road and Bauer Avenue.

Hosted by The Chamber of St. Matthews, this day-long festival highlights the community's businesses, history, cuisine, and style. It also showcases the area's retailers and restaurants and features live entertainment. Family fun and activities include the Kidz Zone, Fun Zone, and Wellness Fair.

There will be a continuous free shuttle service that will pick up from St. Matthews Baptist Church on Grandview Avenue and drop off at Walgreens on the corner of Frankfort and Bauer avenues. The shuttle will run about every 15 minutes.



Get your fresh produce!



Three

farmers markets are back this year, with two opening in just a few weeks.

St. Matthews

The St. Matthews Farmers Market is open May 10 through Oct. 11 every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The market is located at Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Road.

Rainbow Blossom

Open Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., this market runs June to October and is located at 3738 Lexington Road.

Whole Foods Market

This market is open Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. in the parking lot of Whole Foods at 4944 Shelbyville Road. It runs from May 14 through Sept. 24.

St. Matthews Woman's Club



The Woman's Club of St. Matthews funds community projects and enjoys social events and educational programs. Membership is open, so if you are looking for a nice group to join, check into the Woman's Club, founded in 1938 and currently meeting at The Bistro on the grounds of the Masonic Home. Go to wcsm.org or contact Fran Evola, President, at 445-3040 for more information.

On Monday, May 12 at 11 a.m., the Woman's Club is holding an event that will include a buffet lunch and speaker Kelly O'Connell Brengelman from the Kentucky Humanities Council.

Brengelman will be portraying Lucy Bakewell Audubon (1787-1874), wife of John James Audubon. Call Jackie Brooks for reservations at 502-292-1790.

Historical St. Matthews

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society

Join the Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky (AHHS) for their fascinating upcoming programs:

May 17: Dr. James Holmberg, Curator of Archives for the Filson Club, will review his



book, *Dear Brother*, on the letters of William Clark to Jonathon Clark. Dr. Holmberg's book provides valuable insights into the lives of Lewis and Clark, including details of the Lewis and Clark expedition; the mysterious death of Meriwether Lewis; York, the first African American to cross the continent; and Clark's business interests in Louisville and southern Indiana.

June 21:

Jack Brammer, a Lexington-Herald reporter, will review Revolutionary Summer, the Birth of American Independence, by Joseph Ellis. The summer of 1776 witnessed the agreement of 13 colonies to secede from the British Empire. The book looks at the most influential figures of that time, including John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and George Washington, among others.

July 19:

AHHS member and attorney Mark Webster will review the book *The Great Upheaval, America and the Birth of the Modern World 1788-1800,* by Jay Winik.

During the 1790's Russia towered as a vast imperial power and France plunged into revolution while the United States struggled to stay united and make its place in the world. In his book, Winik shows that none of the decade's events occurred in isolation.

AHHS convenes in the second-floor meeting room of the St. Matthews-Eline Library at 3940 Grandview Avenue.

Eline Library: Check it out

Come see what's going on at the library!

Cave Hill Cemetery May 6 at 2:30 p.m.:

May 6 at 2:30 p.m.: Cave Hill Cemetery is the resting place of many of Louisville's most well-known residents. Please



enjoy this opportunity to explore the history of the property, its residents, and what the future holds for Louisville's landmark.

How to start a vegetable garden

May 7 at 2:30 p.m.: Planting a vegetable garden at home is an easy way to save money and also gives you the pleasure of savoring delicious

vegetables fresh from your garden. The flavor of varieties you can grow far exceeds the produce from the grocery store. Join master gardener Judy Buckler as she gives pointers for growing your own veggies at home.

You and your books in the 21st century

June 24 at 2:30 p.m.: Collecting, valuing, and caring for your books in 2014 is the topic. Bring one or two books for an evaluation and estimation of value as well as questions you have about books in the new millennium.



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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.

E-CONNECTION

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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