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Ridgeway named KLC City Employee of the Year

It will come as no surprise to the people he works with or to the residents he serves that Works Supervisor Terry Ridgeway has been named 2013 City Employee of the Year by the Kentucky League of Cities.

Long before being named supervisor in 1999, Ridgeway was the lead man in his department, riding the common areas and easements of St. Matthews with the mayor on his off-duty hours to look for ways to improve the city. Asked his reaction to Ridgeway's award, Mayor Bernard Bowling, Jr. said, "Terry's the type of employee who deserves to win. When something's not right in the city, people call the mayor. I don't get many calls because Terry is out there taking care of things."

Ridgeway exceeded every expectation in the nomination process. He demonstrated outstanding leadership when a devastating winter storm silenced Jefferson County with a foot of snow and inches-thick ice. Not bothering to wake the mayor, Ridgeway and crew were out pre-dawn, clearing limbs and snow. He also had the foresight to ensure the library was accessible and had power so residents could communicate to loved ones while they waited for their own power to be restored. Crewmember Aaron McCarley said, "Terry believes in excellence no matter how big or small the task is...A job is not finished until it meets Terry's three requirements: 1) it is working properly, 2) it is cost efficient and 3) it looks good."



In an awards ceremony on Friday, Oct. 4, in Covington, KY, St. Matthews Works Department Supervisor Terry Ridgeway (center) is named Kentucky League of Cities Employee of the Year. Pictured with Ridgeway are KLC President and Lyndon City Mayor Susan Barto and KLC executive Director and CEO John Stenier.

Here are just a few examples of how Ridgeway *has gone above and beyond his assigned duties* and responsibilities to impact the St. Matthews community:

- He secured funding and volunteer labor for an elderly and feeble woman to get her dilapidated garage roof replaced so she would not be fined by Metro government.
- After a tree that had shaded the eyes of Little League pitchers at St. Matthews ball fields went down in a storm, leaving them defenseless to batters, Ridgeway devised a wind screen atop the scorer's booth that kept the sun from blinding the pitcher.

- He assisted Scouts earning their Eagle badges to install a carved map of Brown Park, wooden markers for the trail as well as bat houses in the parks.
- Ridgeway and crew take extra time and attention to plant flowers around trees in Brown Park dedicated to deceased loved ones, even shaping the mulch around the trees into hearts.

During his 36 years in the Works Department, Ridgeway *has implemented or improved many programs*. In one of the most noteworthy programs, the city's curbside leaf pick up program, Ridgeway exchanged wooden and later steel leaf boxes for aluminum ones, extending the

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A Message From...

You'll have extra money in your pocket this fall if you pay your taxes early. Residents who pay by the **Oct. 31, 2013** deadline receive a 40% discount. Property owners should remind their mortgage companies of the deadline so they don't miss the discount. Tax bills have been mailed; property

owners who have not received a tax bill should contact city hall.

One way to use that extra money is to shop local St. Matthews businesses for the holiday season. Shopping in your own back yard allows you to find great gifts while saving gas and getting to know your neighbors.

Just as accessible as your local businesses are your St. Matthews mayor and city council. Via phone, use the Call St. Matthews system at 638-4STM (638-4786), then press 1 for City Administration. For email, go to stmatthews.org and click on "Contact Us" under Communications.

Easy Being Green

Green tips for weathering the winter



- Consider using non-toxic de-icing substances such as clean clay, cat litter sand or ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemicals that can be hazardous to your pets, your trees and shrubs and can pollute surface waters and groundwater through the soil.
- Winterize your vehicle by checking your: air filter and fluid levels; tires for tread wear and proper inflation; and the condition of your windshield wipers. Ensuring your vehicle is ready for weather changes will reduce damage, which prevents waste from broken parts, and keeps you safe on the road.
- If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes to mix in your compost heap to provide nutrients to your garden.
- Use electric snow removal products rather than gasoline-powered ones to cut down on greenhouse gases. As alternatives, use snow shovels, ice crackers and brooms to clear snow.
- If you have a manual thermostat or no thermostat at all, one way to save energy and money this winter is to install a programmable thermostat. When installed and used with the four pre-programmed temperature settings for weekend and weekdays, you can save about \$100 each year while staying comfortable. Before leaving for vacation, turn down your thermostat (or use a programmable one) so that you don't waste natural resources by generating unneeded heat. You can also buy outdoor and indoor lights with timers so your lights don't stay on all night.
- Look for jackets, scarves, gloves and boots that are made from recycled materials.
- Winter storms often cause power outages. Prevent waste by keeping rechargeable batteries rather than disposable ones or buy batteries with low mercury content.
- Recycle old newspapers by making rolled paper logs for your fireplace. Roll newspaper sheets around a broom stick until your log is the desired size, then soak your log thoroughly in water. Dry the log overnight and use like ordinary wood.
- Have a contractor perform a routine check on your heating system before freezing weather drives up your energy bill.
- Replace old heating equipment with a more energy-efficient unit. It will save energy and money in the long run.

This information was found at www.epa.gov. Visit their website for more great tips.



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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Community Park

After a great summer of baseball, construction has begun on new restrooms for Community Park. Preliminary engineering work to prevent erosion is also being done.

Draut Park

To ensure the creek continues to flow in Draut Park, the City has begun to remove some cattails.



Brown Park

At Brown Park, crews have performed a final spraying to curb the growth of invasive weeds. Enjoy a nice fall walk on clear paths.

Table for 12, please!

Cooler fall weather makes it the perfect season to get outdoors with the family. St. Matthews has pavilions you can reserve at Brown, Community and Warwick Parks. Pavilions can be reserved for a specific date and time, at no charge, by any person in the

community. St. Matthews residency is not required. Anyone interested in reserving a pavilion must visit the city administrative office during regular business hours, to complete a reservation form and provide photo identification.

A brochure regarding park pavilion reservations is available at City Hall, the library or online at stmatthews.org under the "Entertainment" section.



Seasons Greetings

Celebrate Halloween in Brown Park



In today's sometimes scary and chaotic world, everyone is looking for a safe, fun and

free family-oriented event. Come join other ghosts and goblins on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for three hours of jam-packed fun sponsored by the St. Matthews Area Chamber of Commerce.

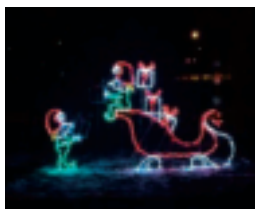
Families will walk along paths through the "haunted forest", collecting goodies from area businesses who will be set up along the way. The Chamber and the City of St. Matthews will also provide games, hayrides, a petting zoo, a fire truck, inflatables, entertainment, plus a whole lot more.

Parking is available at the Baptist Health office building off Kresge Way or Waggener High School off Browns Lane.

More than 2,000 children attended this event in 2012, and the Chamber expects another record-breaking crowd this year. And where else will you find all this fun for free?

Come light up St. Matthews

Start off your holiday season right with hot cocoa and a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Light Up St. Matthews Winter Festival, to be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1-6 p.m. Besides St. Nick, the event features train and horse-drawn carriage rides, yummy



treats, a petting zoo, entertainment, letters to Santa, and much, much more. And...it's free!

The highlight of the event takes place at 6 p.m. when the switch is thrown that will flood the park with thousands of lights to proclaim the beginning of the holiday season.

Community Pride Breakfast

The annual Community Pride Breakfast will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 7-9 a.m. This event is held to honor folks throughout the community who have performed community service and have personally made the community a better place. The public is invited to attend.

For more information on any of these events, contact the SMACC office at 899-2523 or on their website at stmatthews-chamber.com.

Mayor proclaims Trager Day at Baptist Health



The mayor proclaimed Sept. 18 Bernard M. Trager Day at Baptist Health in recognition of

a \$1 million donation made by the Trager family and Republic Bank in memory of Mr. Trager. The money will be used to further heart care

initiatives at Baptist Health Louisville through the newly named Bernard M. Trager Heart Surgery Unit.

Trager founded Republic Bank & Trust Co. in 1982 and served as the Chairman of Republic Bankcorp, Inc.

At right: *City of St. Matthews Councilwoman Mary Jo Nay presents Baptist Health Louisville President David Gray with a certificate of proclamation on Bernard M. Trager Day.*



Police Beat

When it comes to your local police department, what happens in St. Matthews stays in St. Matthews. Not only does your local force have 24-hour patrol and response, but they also investigate



all of their own cases using their evidence

unit and accident reconstruction unit. In 2007, they established a Special Response Team to take on incidents



involving active shooters, assaults or other violence where large groups are at risk. They also have a K9 dog unit to sniff out drugs and officers to train them.

This self-sufficient department is currently working on a plan to notify citizens via email of crime and crime trends in

the St. Matthews area. If anyone is interested in receiving this information and has not already signed up for E-connection, please do so. Information regarding signing up for E-connection is listed on the back page of the newsletter.



Watch your speed!



With students back in school and days getting darker sooner, it is especially important to watch your speed when driving. Smart Carts like the one pictured above are placed in neighborhoods to remind you to slow down.

Crime Buzz

St. Matthews residents continue to report sporadic car break-ins and daytime burglaries. Remember to take valuables out of your car and to keep your house secure.

Solicitors have been suspected in some daytime robberies. Your help is needed in reporting all solicitors to the St. Matthews Police Department at 893-9000. Be aware that those exercising their right to religious freedom are not breaking the law, but you may ask them to leave.

You may call that same number to request a Free house watch while you are away for an extended period. Just another way to keep your home secure.

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.



IDthisperson.com is a website featuring images of persons being sought by law enforcement officials. If you are able to identify a person on the website, you will be eligible for a \$25 gift card. It's completely anonymous.

Historical St. Matthews

Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society

The Society meets Sundays at 2 p.m. at 3940 Grandview Ave. and is looking for new members. Those interested may join them for a meeting or call Judy Edwards at 254-9589. Upcoming programs are:

Oct. 13: The Families of Beargrass Creek and the War of 1812 - Lynn S. Renau, author of *So Close From Home: The Legacy of Brownsboro Road*.

Nov. 10: Who is Clio and Why Should We Hang Out With Her? - Dr. Nelson L. Dawson, former history professor at U of L, IU Southeast and JCC, will speak on the different ways historians approach their subjects.

Dec.: No meeting.

Jan: 12: John E. Findling, professor emeritus of history at IU Southeast and author of several books, will speak.

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of KY

Regular AHHS meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Matthews Eline Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, in St. Matthews City Hall. They are free to the public.

Nov. 16: Review of Pulitzer Prize winner Ron Chernow's book, *George Washington*.

Annual Veteran's Day parade

Louisville's Third Annual Veteran's Day Parade & Massing of Colors will be held on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11:11 a.m. For more information, visit louvetparade.com.

For those who have extended their summer fun in the fine fall weather, let's remember to store campers, boats and trailers for the winter. City Code section 78.09, "Parking of boats, trailers and RVs", explains what is permissible when storing these vehicles.

For those who have parked other vehicles in front or back yards to make room for recreational vehicles during the warmer season, it should

be noted that the only place on a residential lot that any vehicle may be parked outside is in the driveway or in the parking lot of an apartment building. No vehicle may be parked in the grass between a house and the street. For those who live on a corner lot, this applies to both streets.



Where parking is allowed on the street, the vehicle must be parked parallel to and within the bounds of the curb or edge of pavement and facing in the same direction as the traffic.

To read these codes in their entirety, go to stmatthews.org, Government tab, click on "Ordinances" and look under Title VII, section 78 (Parking Regulations).

Ridgeway

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life of the boxes. The lightweight aluminum boxes he designed take far less time to install and are safer to move. In prior times, workers would walk the entire route alongside the

equipment. Ridgeway added steps to the vacuum trailers, which allowed the men to ride in areas where piles of leaves may be yards apart or when moving to the next street, thus saving time. He oversaw the purchase of a new vacuum which allowed for mulching, reducing leaf volume and saving the city money for roll-off dumpster disposal. Since 2009, the city has filled 151 roll-off dumpsters compared to an average of 90 roll-offs a year from 1985-2009.

Ridgeway has implemented route planning, which not only allows the city to vacuum leaves on all streets twice each fall instead just once as in prior years, but to complete the program before Christmas break, rather than well into January. Route planning also allowed residents to have their leaves ready to be vacuumed, keeping plastic bags out of the landfill.

Ridgeway has made St. Matthews more efficient by dividing the city into five areas with planned routes, which provides a quicker response to a snow event. Whenever possible, he plows rather than

salting. His crews literally go the extra mile by plowing U.S and KY state roads not under the jurisdiction of St. Matthews because they intersect city roads residents frequently travel.

When it comes to city funds, Ridgeway protects them like they are coming out of his personal bank account. When the St. Matthews police department needed a Special Response Team (SRT, aka SWAT) van, Ridgeway designated a crewmember with automobile restoration experience to convert an old Metropolitan Sewer District van that had been abandoned by the City of Louisville. The van was transformed into an essential and crucial police response vehicle, which saved the city a significant amount of money. Likewise, an old 1980s backhoe had a rusted out floor and chassis, and the cab was coming apart. Ridgeway repaired it, and saved approximately \$65,000 for a new backhoe.

As for positively impacting those with whom he works, Ridgeway always does what needs to be done with a smile. Crewmembers speak of him as a father figure who invites them to his home to discuss their personal problems. He has even gone so far as to help one of his previous crewmembers, who had to stop working due to multiple health problems, obtain disability and retirement benefits, taking him to doctor and agency appointments on his off hours.

Ridgeway goes out at any hour or day of the week to haul and store items from

drug arrests or to assist the Fire Department in cleaning up after a wreck. His long-range plan to clean up the grass alleyways has made it easier for police to keep the neighborhoods safe, leaving less places for suspects to hide.

Just one of the attributes that make Ridgeway outstanding is his reputation for getting things done. One local business owner called it the "one and done". Whether a resident is reporting a pot hole, graffiti or a dead animal on the road, the problem is taken care of quickly and no one has to tell him twice. His fellow workers also say Ridgeway makes a good boss because he uses a person's strengths while building on his weaknesses. Mayor Bowling added, "His fair dealing has made him known to residents as one who communicates clearly what he can and cannot do and that he will do everything he can."

Ridgeway and his wife Cecilia have raised two sons, T.J. and Sean, in St. Matthews. In his spare time, he enjoys watching basketball and being with his three grandchildren.

Despite his dedication and all the hard work he's put in over the years, Ridgeway said he was completely taken by surprise when he learned he was to receive the League of Cities award. "I thought maybe I was being called into the office because I had done something wrong," he said. Turns out he was the only one who was surprised.

Your Works at Work

The construction team completed the drainage project on Briarwood Avenue. Their next scheduled project is to repair and re-grade the alley between Oxford Place and Iola Road north of Beverly Avenue.

Besides regular maintenance and mowing in city parks and green spaces, Works Department employees have been busy

remodeling the men's locker/restroom for the St. Matthews Police Department. Other projects included:

- Repairing landscaping at corner of Browns Lane and Kresge Way at the Baptist Health entrance after it was damaged as the result of an automobile accident.

- Cleaning out ditch in 3500 block of Grandview and retention basin on St. Matthews Avenue.
- Clearing easement between Warner and Grandview and easement off Kennison Court.
- Replacing cracked and uneven sidewalks in the 200 block of Ridgeway.

Good Neighboring



Leaf collection

Leaf collection begins the last full week of October or the first week in November, depending upon the amount of leaves that have fallen.

To participate in the leaf pick up program, leaves should be raked to the edge of the front of the property but not into the street. Crews will remove leaves along the street, utilizing a vacuum system. Each area is scheduled to be covered only once; however, should time and weather permit, a possible second sweep may occur, if necessary.

If you have placed your leaves to the street edge of your property and have been missed by our crews, please contact city hall at 895-9444.

Leaves can also be disposed of at the time of your normally scheduled garbage pick-up. Leaves must be in biodegradable or clear plastic bags or placed in

trash containers marked "Yard Waste Only". Free Yard Waste stickers for your trash containers can be pick up at St. Matthews City Hall during regular business hours. Do not mix garbage and yard waste together in the same container, as these items are picked up by separate trucks and disposed of differently.

For a map of pickup areas, go to stmatthews.org and look under Leaf Collection.

Catch basins

Keep catch basins clear of leaves and debris to ensure good drainage during rain storms. Special attention should be paid to keeping these drains clear as you rake leaves this fall.

Let it snow!

The City of St. Matthews operates a comprehensive snow removal program. All streets within the city receive snow removal service. Naturally, main thoroughfares receive attention first, then all residential streets are treated. During this time, we ask that all vehicles be moved off the roads to allow

snow plows and other equipment to maneuver safely and properly clear your roads.

In the winter, trash cans left outside can ice up. Do not set your trash out too early and make sure there are lids on them so they don't fill with snow. Rumpke will not pick up iced over containers or containers with garbage frozen to the can.

Free yard waste stickers

Stickers to designate trash cans for yard waste are available at city hall. Come by and get them during office hours.

Street lights

Working street lights are especially important now that kids are crossing streets and waiting on corners for school buses in darkening hours. To report an out of service street light or one that burns all day, telephone the Call St. Matthews line 638-4STM (4786) and select option 2, then option 4.

Christmas trees

Christmas trees will be picked up if they are placed at the edge of the street. They do not need to be cut and bundled.



The St. Matthews and Lyndon Fire Districts recommend that residents use the following winter safety checklist from the National Safety Council (nsc.org).

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors once a year and test them every month. Replace smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every 10 years.

Thoroughly clean your chimney and fireplace annually and clean out ash regularly.

Have your furnace inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season.

Don't store newspapers, rags or other combustible materials near a furnace, hot water heater, space heater, etc.

If used improperly, a space heater can be the most dangerous appliance in your house. Don't leave space heaters operating when you're not in the



room. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that might burn, including the wall. Don't use extension cords with electric space heaters. The high amount of current they require could melt the cord and start a fire. When lighting a gas space heater, strike your match first, then turn on the gas. Never use your gas range as a substitute for a furnace or space heater.

Prepare for a winter emergency with a Winter Survival Kit.

Check your fire extinguisher and charge or replace it as necessary.

What's your vision for Louisville?



Have you ever wanted to influence the future of your city? Vision

Louisville is a three-phase community process to guide the future of Louisville in the next 25 years.

In 2012, Phase 1 of the project identified seven areas of focus:

- **Economy:** Capitalize on existing strengths in Louisville and in the region, emphasizing job creation and growth.

- **Energy:** Make Louisville a more sustainable city, by controlling current consumption trends and guiding a shift in resource usage.
- **Connectivity:** Improve the overall connectivity through parks, transit and bike/pedestrian networks.
- **Creativity:** Support the creative core of Louisville, including arts, culture, education and entrepreneurship.
- **Health:** Incorporate healthy lifestyles into the future growth agenda.

- **Living:** Improve Louisville's quality of place, focusing on housing, neighborhoods and districts.
- **Identity:** Establish, organize and capitalize on the shared identity of Louisville.

Phase 2 of the program gathered public opinion.

In Phase 3, teams will define and prioritize projects and discuss project implementation strategies.

To get involved with this exciting project, share your ideas at visionlouisville.com, tweet to @VisionLVille or Facebook them at [facebook.com/Vision Louisville](https://www.facebook.com/VisionLouisville).

Check it out



Treehouse offers free website, app design

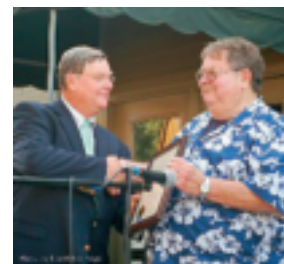
The Louisville Free Public Library is offering a new online program to teach you to design and build your own website or application. Treehouse is a video and interactive learning platform that teaches people how to design, code and launch tech startups. It offers unlimited access to more than 1,300 videos and projects, covering topics from basic HTML coding to

JavaScript to app development for iPhones, iPads and Android smart phones.

Paths to Publication

You've written that short story, poem, essay or play and the last thing you want to do is stow it in a drawer. On Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., at the St. Matthews Library, Ellen Birkett Morris will talk about finding the courage to send your work out, targeting potential markets, writing effective query letters, keeping track of submissions, and marketing when your work is in print.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELINE REALTY!



Councilman Rick Tonini congratulates Sidney Eline, Jr. of Eline Realty on 100 years of continuous business. Since 1913, Eline has specialized in the sale of homes, apartment buildings and commercial properties in eastern Jefferson County.

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the second and fourth Tuesday of
each month.**

City Council meeting minutes are
online at www.stmatthews.org.

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To submit your email address to
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Need to know?

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Administration Press 1

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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

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