



# St. Matthews Living

City of St. Matthews  
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## Springwood Lane annexed to St. Matthews

In the first annexation since Louisville and Jefferson County governments merged in 2003, Springwood Lane merged into the City of St. Matthews earlier this year.

When the Louisville and Jefferson County governments merged to become Metro Louisville in 2003, a ban on annexation was put in place for 10 years. With that ban fulfilled, Springwood Lane residents wasted no time petitioning to join St. Matthews in fall of 2013.

Springwood Lane residents Bill Seng and Chris Mooser were instrumental in getting the petition filed with the support of 100% of the street's non-incorporated residents. "It was a no-brainer for us," said Seng. "We were paying for

private garbage collection, and, at any given time, there were nine different trucks coming down our dead end street." Not only did the annexation streamline

maintenance, leaf pickup, and other services.

Springwood Lane, located off Massie Avenue, was surrounded by the City of St. Matthews, but 11 of its 13



*Springwood Lane residents Bill Seng (left) and Chris Mooser (right) pose with Mayor Bowling after the city council voted to accept Springwood*

garbage collection for the Springwood Lane residents, but it gave them access to police protection, snow removal, street

any services," said St. Matthews Mayor Bernard Bowling. The annexation increased St. Matthews borders a minimal amount, but is "primarily a win for

houses were not part of St. Matthews or the former City of Louisville. "It formed one of the many little pockets in Eastern Jefferson County that are not incorporated and so don't have

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# A Message From...

Please check your insurance policies to make sure the City of St. Matthews is listed as the "Municipal Tax" or "Taxing Jurisdiction" receiver. If you cannot find the information

listed on your policy, contact your insurance agent. This tax is implemented by the state, but it is important that your taxes paid are received by your city and used for your

benefit. This does not raise your tax bill, but allows the money already being collected to be forwarded to St. Matthews and not Metro Louisville or some other city.

## Hometown History - 1913

This new feature of *St. Matthews Living* provides an opportunity for residents, young and old alike, to take a walk back in time. Each issue will feature a picture from time past and ask you to identify where in St. Matthews the picture was taken. A picture of the same place at the present time can be found later in this issue.



**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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## Environmentally friendly yard waste mandated for 2015



Starting January 1, 2015, Louisville Metro residents will no longer be able to use plastic bags for yard waste. The regulation, passed by the Louisville-Jefferson County Waste Management District Board of Directors on May 6, will help bring Louisville up to speed on environmentally friendly ways to collect yard waste.

A program of education and outreach has already begun to make residents aware of the new regulation and to help them choose among five recommended yard waste disposal options. Methods approved for handling yard work are, in order of preference:

- Mulch and/or compost yard clippings to eliminate cost and need for yard waste collection;
- Place yard waste in reusable containers, such as an old garbage can, to reduce the need for continual purchase of single-use bags;
- Place yard waste in paper bags designed for yard waste collection;

- Place yard waste in compostable plastic bags that meet ASTM D6400 standards;
- Use seasonal drop-off centers for yard waste

Jefferson County Solid Waste Management District Board Chair Joyce St. Clair pointed out that even compostable plastic bags can take up to 50 years to degrade. "The best method is to mulch or compost your own yard clippings. Leaving grass clippings on the grass makes the grass more fertile," she said. During the education process, some sample paper bags will be distributed. "These are very inexpensive to purchase and can be rained on multiple times and still remain intact," said St. Clair.

Louisville Metro hopes to begin selling collected yard waste to compost companies. Up to now, collected yard waste, including grass, weeds, and leaves, was not pure because plastic was chopped up with the waste. Composting yard waste instead of dumping it will extend the useful life of area landfills, reduce fees charged to Metro Government, and increase the quantity of locally generated compost. Similar rules are already in place in surrounding cities such as Cincinnati, Lexington, Columbus and Nashville.

The bulk of yard waste collection occurs in the fall when leaf raking begins. St. Matthews' leaf collection program

eliminates the need to bag an enormous amount of leaves. For the rest, one of the aforementioned methods of collection should be used. This year, as waste haulers encounter plastic bags during the education period they will collect the bags but leave educational material behind. When enforcement begins, yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected and residents could be subject to fines and cleanup fees.

Contamination caused by plastic bags leads to 32,000 tons of yard waste being added to area landfills each year despite a 1994 ordinance requiring that the waste not be landfilled. The new regulation removes the barrier that has prevented compliance with the ordinance.

St. Clair encourages Louisville Metro residents to request information sessions regarding the new regulation. "We will be glad to speak to church and other community groups to give them information and to answer questions," she said. Her contact information is: 502-551-3105 or [jstclair@semonin.com](mailto:jstclair@semonin.com).

### YARD WASTE

Yard waste stickers for containers are available at no cost at St. Matthews City Hall during normal business hours.



# Police Beat

## New drug drop-off box ready for use



*Step 1: As Councilwoman Nay demonstrates with the help of SMPD Chief Mayer, drugs are deposited in the receptacle .*

A drop-off box outside the St. Matthews Police Department in City Hall will prevent unused prescription drugs from being used by the wrong persons and from polluting the environment.

Improper disposal of drugs can accidentally poison children or pets who find them in the trash can. They can be scavenged from trash receptacles to be illegally used or sold.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse reported in its latest poll that 70% of high school seniors using prescription drugs not prescribed for them got them from a friend or relative. A person taking a drug not prescribed

for him risks addiction and overdose without the care of a physician.

Besides potentially hurting loved ones or pets, improper disposal of unused drugs can hurt the environment. Medication products should not 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



*Step 2: SMPD removes drugs and records their weight.*

produce drug resistant bacteria in sewage treatment plants and septic systems if flushed down the drain. Burning can release toxic pollutants into the air.

Disposing of unused drugs includes making a drug deposit and incineration. Residents wishing to make a deposit must follow some simple steps: 1) ensure drugs are in a plastic medicine container or a zip lock plastic bag; 2) remove identification from the medicine container; and 3) make sure deposit does not

include liquid medicines or needles. The deposit box is located on the first floor of City Hall and is available during City Hall and library hours.

After the box is full, the drugs will be incinerated by SMPD officers. Neither the deposit box nor the incinerator cost St. Matthews a penny but both will provide a valuable service to residents. The deposit receptacle was free to the city through a grant from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. The Drug Terminator incinerator was purchased for \$4,200 using forfeiture funds (money from drug busts awarded by the courts to the SMPD after a person has been convicted of a drug crime). "The great thing is that convicted drug dealers paid for it," said Councilwoman Mary Jo Nay, who came up with the idea



*Step 3: Drugs are put into the incinerator's injector box.*

for the St. Matthews drop box.

Nay found it inconvenient to drop off drugs downtown as the box at the Jefferson County Sheriff's office was on the sixth floor of the Fiscal Court Building. Often those most needing a drop-off box are older and face physical challenges. "The drop-off box at St. Matthews City Hall is on the first floor and is wheelchair accessible," said Nay. Parking is free and just feet from the entrance.

The incinerator will not only be used by SMPD to dispose of its drop-box drugs, but will also be used by the Jefferson County Sheriff's office to destroy its drug box contents. Previously, the drugs were driven to Indianapolis for destruction.

Hours for prescription drug drop off at St. Matthews City Hall are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.



*Step 4: An SMPD officer inserts the injector box into the "Drug Terminator" and incinerates the collected drugs.*

## Crime Buzz



### Identify a criminal

If you believe you can identify a person involved in criminal activity, check out the IDthisperson.com website. New images are posted every day of unidentified suspects or persons of interest. Anonymous tipsters who help identify criminals may receive a \$25 reward.

### Tip Line

Remember to use the St. Matthews Police Department Tip Line at 498-

CLUE (2583) to report suspected drug dealing or any suspicious happenings in your neighborhood or in the city.

For crimes in progress, use 911 or 893-9000 for immediate help.

### Free house watches

Informing the police and trusted neighbors that your house will be empty for a few days or more can deter criminals and/or quickly alert you if there is an incident. The police stop at your residence several times day and night to check the premises for suspicious vehicles or trespassing persons. Prevent trouble before it begins by calling SMPD at 893-9000 to schedule your free house watch.

### Report solicitors

SMPD is requesting that residents call the non-emergency line at 893-9000 when they see any type of solicitor going door to door in St. Matthews. Many of these solicitors are running scams, and they have been suspected in some daytime burglaries.



# Seasons Greetings



Monthly Meetings at the Chamber of St. Matthews include informative, entertaining, and motivating speakers. Chamber business meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Big Spring Country Club, 5901 Dutchmans Lane from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and include lunch.

Those wishing to attend must pre-register at [www.stmatthewschamber.com](http://www.stmatthewschamber.com) or call the office at 899-2523. The cost is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for guests and non-members.

Upcoming speakers include:

**Aug. 20:**

Scott Martins with 21st Century Parks

**Sept. 17:**

Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. – Tierra Kavanaugh Turner, CEO of TKT & Associates

**Oct. 15:**

Lorri Redmon, President/CEO of the KY Humane Society

## The Woman's Club of St. Matthews

Membership is open for the Woman's Club of St. Matthews which funds various community projects, provides scholarships, and enjoys

social events and educational programs. For more information, check the website at [www.wcsm.org](http://www.wcsm.org) or call Fran Evola, President, at 502-445-3040. Upcoming events include:

**Aug. 19, 2-4 p.m.**

Membership Tea at Hurstbourne Country Club. Come and bring a friend.

**Sept. 22, 11:00 a.m.**

Conservation Program, location to be determined, followed by lunch.

**Oct. 27, 11:00 a.m.**

Home Life Program at The Bistro on the grounds of The Masonic Home, followed by lunch.

## Eline Library: Check it out

The St. Matthews branch of the Louisville Free Public Library has many activities planned for August; a few are described below. For more event information, log onto [lfpl.org](http://lfpl.org) and select Events by Location, then choose St. Matthews.

### Lost in the Pacific

**Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.:** Local author Doug Keeney discusses his newest book, *Lost in the Pacific*, a collection of firsthand WWII accounts of survival and courage in the Pacific Theater during the war against Japan. These

previously unpublished narratives, recounted in the airmen's own words, tell true-life tales that are stranger than any fiction. All offer inspiring new insights into the heroics of the vanishing generation whose valor will live forever. Includes an overview of the war situation in the Pacific, along with approaches to search and rescue today.



### Scrabble Club

**Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m.:** Join a

group dedicated to playing America's favorite board game.

### Louisville Legends with Steve Wiser

**Aug. 19 at 2:30 p.m.:** Col. Harlan Sanders, the Hill Sisters, and Muhammad Ali are several of the fascinating personalities that make up Louisville lore. Who lived where and did what in this historical bio talk.

### Movie Discussion Group

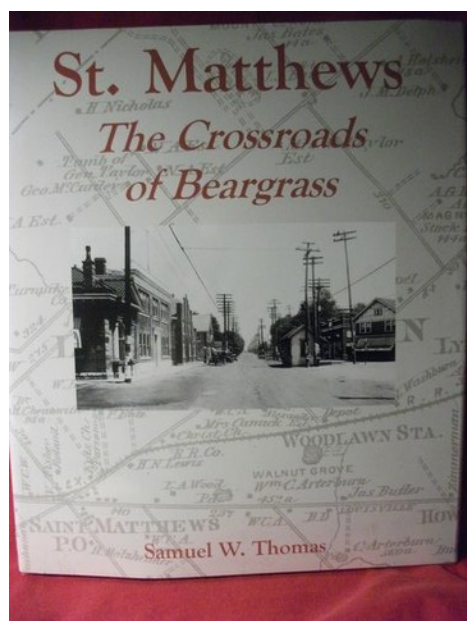
**Aug. 21 at 2:30 p.m.:** This month the group will discuss *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*.



## The Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society

More than two centuries after the St. Matthews area's settlement, the Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society was born. The society set out to identify and document our rural roots, entwined as they are with the vital waterway, Beargrass Creek. Eventually, inevitably, suburban development grew the city, supplanting pioneer stations, then fields and farmland.

Since 1985 the Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society has generated a list of achievements including the production of the outstanding book, *St. Matthews: The Crossroads of Beargrass*, by Sam Thomas. (The book may be purchased through the society or at the St. Matthews Library.) The society maintains a collection of



archival materials and educates through site tours and lectures.

History does not stop happening. The society's effort has been a collaborative one of preserving local history and developing a community identity based on our heritage. All area residents as well as interested persons are encouraged to make history with us. The City of St. Matthews website, at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org), provides information about the society.

## Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky (AHHS) meets in the second-floor meeting room of the St. Matthews-Eline Library at 3940 Grandview Avenue. Upcoming meeting topics include:

### Aug. 16:

AHHS member Bill Riley will review *Through the Perilous Fight, Six Weeks that Saved America*, by Steve Vogel. The war of 1812, in its third year, is going badly for the U.S.; British Admiral Cockburn is launching an invasion of Washington; Madison is forced to abandon the capitol city; Secretary of State Monroe organizes defenses. The book recreates the six week period when Americans rallied from defeat to overcome their oldest adversary.

### Sept. 20:

Dr. Aaron Hoffman, Bellarmine University Political Science Professor and AHHS member, will

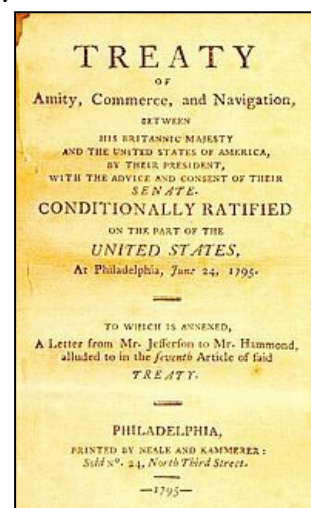
review *Madison's Metronome: the Constitution, Majority Rule, and the Tempo of American Politics*, by Greg Weiner. The book addresses Madison's concerns about majority rule, and the U.S. Constitution's role in regulating American politics.

### Oct. 18:

Attorney Jane Lollis, AHHS member, will review John Jay's Treaty. Signed Nov. 19, 1794, the Jay Treaty sought to settle outstanding issues between Britain and the U.S. unresolved since the end of the revolution.



John Jay, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and second governor of New York, authored the Jay Treaty in 1795.



# Code Words

If you have called the City of St. Matthews because your neighbor's yard seems more like Daniel Boone's wilderness, you may be confident that steps are being taken to tame the offending flora. But be patient – the circumstances surrounding the cause of the offense may require some time to resolve.

Complaints about residential properties needing attention typically fall into three categories: unkempt grounds, dilapidated structures, and abandoned vehicles.



## Grounds

When a complaint is made regarding grass that is too high or rubbish that is piling up around a residence, the City of St. Matthews sometimes finds during its investigation that the residence is occupied by an elderly person or a resident who has lost his job and must make spending choices due to a shrinking budget. In these situations, the City tries to connect the residents with groups or organizations that may be in a position to assist them.

In some cases, the residence is a rental property and neither the occupants nor the landlord keep it up. Following proper legal procedure, the City first gives these residents notice to clean up or mow their grounds. Failure to comply after a reasonable amount of time will result in the issuance of a citation and a further warning to correct the situation. In extreme cases, the City may

cut the grass or clean up the rubbish and file a lien against the property to recover expenditures, but proper notice must be given.

## Structures

There is no City of St. Matthews ordinance regarding structural maintenance; however, the Louisville Metro property maintenance ordinance is applicable in St. Matthews. A complaint can be made through the MetroCall system by dialing 311 and providing the address of the

property along with a description of the issue.

## Vehicles

Sometimes a complaint is made regarding an abandoned vehicle. While an abandoned vehicle on the public right-of-way can be towed, such a vehicle on private property is not so easily removed. Just as no one can remove something from your property without following proper legal procedures, so, too, must the City take the proper steps before it can remove an abandoned vehicle from private property.

The most difficult situations to resolve are those where the owner has lost the property to a lending institution or other entity. Often the owner is nowhere to be found, and the institution does not take ownership of the property. Some institutions are more cooperative than others, but the City works diligently to see that action is taken for the good of the neighborhood.

Following proper legal steps to resolve complaints regarding grounds, structures, or abandoned vehicles does take time. There are no short cuts to justice. But, rest assured, the City is at work finding a solution to the problem.



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the residents,” said Mayor Bowling. All property on Springwood Lane will remain zoned as it was before annexation.

“The whole annexation process went smoothly,” said Seng. He noted that garbage collection was a seamless transfer, and that residents had already noticed more police presence and that limbs

fallen during a recent storm had been picked up. “It’s all been a

*Looking down Springwood Lane, recently annexed by the City of St. Matthews.*

positive process,” he added.



## Good Neighboring

### Speeding

As children finish out their summer vacation and head back to school, both drivers and pedestrians should be extra cautious to follow the rules.

Pedestrians must look both ways when crossing the street and use cross walks. They should cross only when the bus driver or school crosswalk monitor says it is safe to do so.

Drivers must take notice of school zones and never pass a stopped school bus.

Report perceived speeding by using the Call St. Matthews System at 498-CALL (2255), option #5.

### Waste removal

St. Matthews has back door pick up for garbage cans. Don’t set containers out until the night

before the scheduled pickup. Bring in yard waste and recycle containers after contents are picked up by the city service provider.

### Portable storage containers

If you use a portable storage container, be sure that you get the proper permit from the city and review the ordinance about times allowed for the PSC to be

stmatthews.org or use the Call St. Matthews 24/7 information system at 638-4STM (4786), option 1, option 4.

### Graffiti

Make reports of graffiti, street damage, out of service street lights, perceived speeding or any other issue that city leaders should be aware of by using the Call St. Matthews 24/7 information line at 638-4STM (4786).

### Make house numbers visible

For quick help in an emergency, please be sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street and in an area near your front door. Details about the required size of the numbers and placement can be found in Section 92.21 of the city’s ordinances at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org) under the Government heading.



on site. For more information, look on the city website at

# Your Works at Work

## Works



Over the past few months, the works crew has mowed and planted flowers in city parks and green spaces and removed graffiti in city parks. The crew has installed irrigation in areas of city properties, repaired sink holes on Warner Avenue and in Draut Park and installed a section of sidewalk at the Community Center. Finally, it has replaced landscaping along

Shelbyville Road in front of the shopping center strip and removed dead trees along Bowling Boulevard.

## Construction

The construction crew completed the drainage project on Winchester Road between Hubbards Lane and Delray Road in early July. They are also repairing sink holes behind the homes on the south side of Alton Road.

Several small drainage and sidewalk repairs were completed in July, and the crew is now working on the Winchester Road drainage project between Delray Road

and Browns Lane. Street resurfacing was begun in July and will continue in August.

Green-ups were installed on Dayton and Wiltshire avenues, and repairs were made to the culvert on Trinity Hills Lane. A large hole in the right-of-way on St. Germaine Court was filled, and a temporary road patch laid down on Fairlawn, Beverly, and Sears avenues and Lyndon Way.



## Park Place

### Community Center Park

The new restroom and pavilion have been completed at Community Center Park. Visit the park and check it out!

Engineering work for the new parking lot and entrance is nearly finished, and work will begin in the fall. The City expects the project to be finished next summer.

Also in progress is the design work for stream restoration in the park.

### Warwick Park

The City is once again working with Councilman Fleming's office to make improvements to Warwick Park. Improvements will include upgraded drainage, a new playground for three to five year olds, and new landscaping with additional bench swings.

### Reserve a pavilion

Pavilion reservations are not limited to St. Matthews residents –

anyone in the community can reserve a park pavilion at no cost. For more information, dial the Call St. Matthews system at 638-4STM (4786) and select option 1, then option 6, or see the City website at [stmatthews.org](http://stmatthews.org).





## Hotel and Motel Fire Safety

Planning one last getaway before the kids return to school? The U.S. Fire Administration would like you to review the following safety tips as you prepare to travel.

### Plan Ahead

When making your reservations, ask if the hotel or motel has smoke alarms and an automatic fire sprinkler system.

- When traveling, take a flashlight with you.
- Read the fire evacuation plan carefully. If one is not posted in your room, request one from the front desk.
- Locate the two exits nearest your room.
- Count the number of doors between your room and the

exits. This will assist you in the need of an emergency evacuation.

- Locate the fire alarms on your floor.

### Life Safety Steps

- Never smoke in bed.
- If the fire is in your room, get out quickly. Close the door, sound the alarm, and notify the front desk.
- Always use a stairwell, never an elevator. The elevator could stop at the floor of the fire.
- If the fire is not in your room, leave if it is safe to do so. Be sure to take your room key with you in case fire blocks your escape and you need to re-enter your room.

- To check the hallway for fire, touch the door with the back of your hand to test the temperature. If the door is cool, get low to the floor, brace your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. Be ready to close it quickly if there are flames on the other side. Crawl low in the smoke to the nearest exit; the freshest air is near the floor.
- If your room door is hot, do not open it. Instead, seal the door with wet towels or sheets. Turn off the fan, heater, and air conditioner. Call the fire department to give your location. Signal from your window.

Information used by permission (U.S. Fire Administration, [usfa.fema.gov/](http://usfa.fema.gov/), June 30, 2014).

## Hometown History - 2014



The photo on page 2 was originally platted in 1907 as a subdivision of Dr. Joseph Hopson's property, which ran between Shelbyville Road and Westport Road. It was divided into 28 lots

and separated down the middle by a new 40-foot side street designated as St. Matthews Avenue. The Elines had purchased the three lots comprising the northeast corner of St. Matthews Avenue and Shelbyville Road. Anthony J. Eline erected the first of his many houses in St. Matthews for his mother Rosa, sisters Rose and Carrie, as well as for his wife and children. As the sign on the earlier photograph reads, the first floor of the building housed Mrs. R. Eline's Gents Furnishing.

The information above was taken from Samuel W. Thomas' book, *St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass*. The book may be purchased from the St. Matthews Beargrass Historical Society by telephoning its treasurer, Judy Cook, at 893-3338.



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### **Your Elected Officials for the City of St. Matthews:**

**Mayor Bernard F. Bowling**

#### **City Council**

Arthur K. Draut

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).

### **E-CONNECTION**

To submit your email address to  
receive important St. Matthews  
updates, visit the city website at  
[www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org) or call city  
offices. Email addresses will not be  
shared with other parties.

### **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**