



# St. Matthews Living

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## 2013 stands out for St. Matthews

In a vast forest of hard work by employees at the City of St. Matthews, the year 2013 stands out like a tree marked to blaze future trails. Awards for jobs well done, statistics built from faithful service, and tangible additions to the community continue to set the standard for the future of St. Matthews.

### Awards

In October, Works Department Supervisor Terry Ridgeway was named Kentucky League of Cities 2013 Employee of the Year. This prestigious

award was based on Ridgeway's service to St. Matthews through outstanding leadership, going above and beyond his duties, implementing and improving programs, and positively influencing fellow workers.

In November, two city employees were recognized. Mayor Bernie Bowling earned the 2013 Jefferson County League of Cities' Peyton Hogue Public Service Award (see story on page 2) while the St. Matthews Area Chamber of Commerce bestowed its Community Pride Award on St. Matthews Police Detective Barbara Shepard for outstanding service to the community.

Besides receiving the JCLC award, Mayor Bowling was appointed vice president of the



*Besides receiving the St. Matthews Area Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Award, SMPD Det. Barbara Shepard, shown here with parents Bill and Sharon, was named SMPD Police Officer of the Year (see story, page 4).*

Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency's 2014 Board of Directors. KIPDA provides regional planning, review, and technical services in the areas of public administration, social services, and transportation as well as community ridesharing programs. KIPDA has been designated as the regional review agency for virtually all applications for federal and/or state funds made by organizations or governments within the state of Kentucky.

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*Works Department Supervisor Terry Ridgeway, pictured with wife, Cecilia, is named Kentucky League of Cities Employee of the Year.*

# A Message From...



*City of St. Matthews Mayor Bernie Bowling (center) poses with JCLC Board President Sherry Conner and Executive Director Jack Will after receiving the 2013 Peyton Hogue Public Service Award.*

City of St. Matthews Mayor Bernie Bowling was awarded the 2013 Jefferson County League of Cities' Peyton Hogue Public Service Award at JCLC's

annual banquet on Nov. 22. The award, named in honor of a former Anchorage mayor, is based on service performed on behalf of a suburban city in Jefferson

County, the JCLC, and the greater community. Current and former mayors, councilpersons, or commissioners are eligible for nomination and selection.

Mayor Bowling was recognized for his years of service as a council-member and mayor for the City of St. Matthews; his active support and involvement in Kentucky League of Cities programs; his civic work for more than 40 years with his church, Our Lady of Lourdes, and the Catholic Orphans Society as board member, past president, Treasurer and Chairman of the annual picnic; and his current support of the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce.

## JCLC meetings open to the public

Jefferson County League of Cities, a not-for-profit organization established to serve the goals and interests of more than 80 incorporated cities within Jefferson County, would like county residents to know its monthly meetings are open to the public.

The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the

2nd floor Community Room of Central Bank-Hurstbourne, located at 9300 Shelbyville Road. Upcoming meeting dates are Feb. 20, Mar. 20, and Apr. 17. Speakers and program topics focus on priority issues for Jefferson County cities, and can be found at [jeffersoncountyleagueofcities.com](http://jeffersoncountyleagueofcities.com).



### Volunteers needed

Would you like to give back to your community? Meet others with similar interests?

Volunteer opportunities are available at Norton Suburban Hospital, future home of Norton Women's and Kosairs Children's Hospital. For more information, contact Rita Ross at 583-1229 or at [rita.ross@nortonhealthcare.org](mailto:rita.ross@nortonhealthcare.org).

## Resolve to help the earth

Many people think about making resolutions to do things differently in a new year, but have you ever thought of doing something different to create a healthier and longer-lasting environment? Earth Share gives several suggestions, including these ideas for sustainable change:

### Simple Resolutions

- Buy more local and organic foods

- Take shorter showers
- Buy secondhand clothes
- Take reusable bags grocery shopping
- Unplug unused chargers

### Moderate Resolutions

- Volunteer to clean up a park or beach
- Start an organic garden
- Increase public transportation usage
- Get a home energy audit

- Install a programmable thermostat

See Earth Share's website at [www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org) for more ideas and make 2014 a greener year.



## Green up with a tree

Johnny Appleseed would have been proud to reside in St. Matthews where an estimated 1,800 red sunset maples, ash, ornamental pear, and other species have been planted since the city's tree planting program began in 1995. Residents may request a free tree to be planted along the

front of their property in the right-of-way area by calling St. Matthews City Hall at 895-9444 or filling out the Contact Us form on the city's website at [stmatthews.org](http://stmatthews.org). Since the city began tracking plantings in 2000, 1,476 trees have been planted with the species varying each year.



*Mature trees planted years ago by the city now provide shade and protection from soil erosion.*



**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.**

### February 2014

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# Police Beat

## 2013 Benchmarks



To foster better communication with the public, SMPD started a Facebook page and twitter feed last year. SMPD encourages the public to “like” its Facebook page at Facebook.com/stmatthewspolice and “follow” its twitter feed at @StMatthewsPD as these pages will become a larger part of the department’s communication with the public.



SMPD also began an Adopt-A-School program, where officers check in with an assigned school on their beat at least once a week to foster a closer working relationship between SMPD and local schools.

## Officer of the Year

Detective Barbara Shepard was named 2013 St. Matthews Police Officer of the Year. A Mercy Academy graduate with a Criminal Justice degree from the University of Louisville, the former Metro police officer joined SMPD in 2009.

Det. Shepard was recommended for Officer of the Year after her quick actions saved a man’s life. She was on duty when a women stopped her vehicle and yelled for help as the man she was with seemed to be having a seizure. Det. Shepard helped get the man out of the vehicle and onto the ground where she administered CPR. “I heard him take the last rattling breath, and his eyes rolled back in his head,” she said. “I didn’t think

he would come back, but he did.”

Regarding the award, Det. Shepard said it was an honor to be recognized. “I believe there are others who do so much more than I did,” she said.

## Coming soon: medical drug disposal service

SMPD /City is working on establishing a permanent medication drug Disposal service at the SMPD/City Hall building. Once established, anyone may drop off outdated or unneeded medications. All drugs accumulated will be disposed of by SMPD, keeping these medications out of the hands of children and others, as well as out of waterways and the environment. The east-end location will allow easy access to medical drug disposal with free parking right at the door.

## Crime Buzz

### \$30,000 reward still in effect

Although St. Matthews Police Department has arrested an individual in connection with the November murder of Hubbards Lane Kroger employee Jack Combs, the investigation remains open. A \$30,000 reward will be given to anyone who provides police with information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder. If you have any information about this crime, telephone SMPD at 893-9000 or call the Anonymous Tip line at 498-CLUE (2583).

### Car thieves look for unattended vehicles

The St. Matthews Police Department would like to remind you that many cars are



stolen while being “warmed up” during the winter months.

Though the law states a running vehicle should not be left unattended, if you do choose to warm up your car, use a remote start or keep a spare key and lock the doors. Never warm your car up inside a garage because this can lead to a dangerous build of exhaust gasses.

## Cattaneo focuses on park's subculture

Many of us strolling or rolling through Draut Park are blind to a subculture buzzing with life. Through her photography, Marsha Cattaneo gives us a glimpse into the smaller world of plants and insects flying under our radar.

Six years ago Cattaneo was sitting on the patio with her husband, Bill, looking at flowers, and commented that she'd like to get some pictures of them. Bill, who used to photograph

nature category, a second place in black and white nature, second and third place awards in the digitally manipulated category, and an honorable mention for a portrait.

Besides being captivated herself by the tiny world beyond human sight, Cattaneo hopes her photography will be educational for others. "It's such a magical world, and I want to share my discoveries," she said. Soon, she and her husband will move to a new home across from Tom Sawyer Park, giving her "a whole new canvas".

Lately, restoration of some historic photographs collected by her husband has become a new hobby. "I just love seeing



photographs come back to life," she said.

Keep an eye out for more of Cattaneo's photographs on the City of St. Matthews' website and at St. Matthews-Eline Library, both of whom are interested in displaying her work.

*Through Cattaneo's camera lens, St. Matthews residents get a glimpse of the tiny world of nature in Draut Park. Top: yellow-spotted beetle; center: bittersweet; bottom: dragonfly.*



weddings, bought her a simple point and shoot camera, and she was hooked.

From there, Cattaneo, who works with microscopes in a lab at University Hospital, became fascinated with the world of macro photography. "I am used to looking at things closely," she said. "There's so much to discover that we don't see with the naked eye."

Living across the street from Arthur K. Draut Park gave Cattaneo the perfect opportunity to practice the hobby that has won her several prizes at the Kentucky State Fair, including a first place in the color



# Good Neighboring

## House numbers

None of us wants to think of emergency vehicles arriving at our homes with lights flashing. How much worse would it be, however, if emergency personnel couldn't locate your home quickly when you need them?

To ensure your house can easily be found, look at your house number from the street to see if it is clearly visible. Look at it during the day and at night. If your number is not clearly visible, consider



getting larger numbers and/or painting them a different color. If your number is not visible at night, consider getting lighting that will make it visible.

No one wants an emergency, but everyone wants the fastest help possible if they have one.

## Narrow street parking and emergencies



All residents must ensure that parking on narrow streets leaves enough room for emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks and ambulances, to pass. This is critical during a fire or similar crisis.

In the case of a true emergency, the Fire Department has made it clear that they might be forced to drive their trucks into parked cars to knock them out of the way. There would be no time to ask car owners to move their vehicles.

Consider the safety of your vehicles and, more especially, of your neighbors' lives and possessions, as you decide where to park on a narrow street.

## Snow removal

When it snows, remove cars or other obstructions from the streets so that Works Department snowplow drivers can get through to clear snow and treat streets.

## Pot hole reporting

To report a pot hole that needs filling, you may dial the Call St. Matthews System 24/7 at 498-CALL (2255) and select option 2. Leave a message with the exact location of the pot hole.

## Garbage/recycling cans

- Garbage cans should not be set out until 5 p.m. the day before pickup, and cans should be put away the same day they are emptied
- Ensure all garbage cans have lids
- During snow events or when sidewalks are icy, garbage cans should be set out at the street

## Large item removal

Remember that Rumpke, St. Matthews' service provider, is only required to pick up one large item each week at the time of your regular garbage pick-up. If you have several items to dispose of, please contact Rumpke directly at 568-3800. They will schedule a special junk pick up and advise you of any possible charges. Be a good neighbor. Don't amass junk and debris in front of your home for weeks.



## Construction

The construction team has worked or is continuing work on several drainage projects:

- Installed catch basins on Cornell Place between Wilmington and Willis Avenues
- Asphalt work on Briarwood and Cornell
- Asphalt removal on Winchester
- Patched asphalt in alley between Elmwood Avenue and Washington Square
- Investigated drainage issues on Williamsburg Ct. and requested a meeting with property owners to discuss the plan and easement requirements
- Teaming up with the Works Department supervisor to identify and evaluate numerous sink holes along Alton, Hubbards, and Fairmeade. The sink hole work on Alton between Hubbards and Fairmeade is not complete and will continue when the ground is dry enough to work.

A drainage improvement project on Winchester between Browns and Hubbards Lanes is scheduled to begin this month.

## Works

The Works Department continues cleaning up landscape beds in parks and around the city, as well as high water debris in Draut and Brown Parks.

The department completed its 2013 leaf collection program, recycling 561 tons of leaves that would have ended up in the local landfill. Snow and pot hole issues were also addressed, keeping St. Matthews streets clean and repaired.



## Code Words

### Construction activity requires City Hall letter

Are you planning an addition to your property? Remodeling? Constructing a new building? Certain steps must be taken before any construction is begun.

Detailed plans and specifications for the construction of new buildings or for an addition to or remodeling of any existing building must be submitted to and approved by the St. Matthews city engineer or his designee. A letter of compliance will be issued before construction can begin. The application for the letter of

compliance is available at City Hall on the third floor, and the request must be in person as the requester's signature is needed at the time of issuance. There is no fee for the letter. Depending on the extent of the construction, a building permit must also be obtained from Metro Codes and Regulations under the Kentucky Building Code.

Before St. Matthews can issue a letter of compliance for the construction, all contractors involved, including general and subcontractors, must be identified and have a current business

license from the City of St. Matthews. (This is a separate license from the Louisville Revenue Commission and the registration required by Metro Codes and Regulations.) The application for a business license is available at City Hall or online at our website. An initial license costs \$25, payable by check or cash. Licenses must be renewed annually, and the fee is based upon the year's gross receipts earned within St. Matthews.

For further information or answers to any questions, contact City Hall at 895-9444.

# Hot Off the Press

The St. Matthews and Lyndon fire districts want to remind everyone to follow these winter fire safety tips.

## Generator safety

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when using generators.
- Use a generator or other fuel-powered machines outside the home. CO2 fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.
- Use the appropriate sized and type power cords to carry the electric load. Overloaded cords can overheat and cause fires.
- Never connect generators to another power source such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity or "backfeed" can

electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

## Heating safety

- Alternative heaters need their space; keep anything that can catch fire at least three feet away.

- Make sure your alternative heaters have "tip switches". Tip switches are designed to turn off the heater automatically if they tip over.



- Kerosene heaters may not be legal in your area and should only be used where approved by authorities
- Only use the type of fuel recommended by the

manufacturer and follow suggested guidelines.

- Never refill a space heater while it is operating or still hot. Refuel heaters only outdoors.
- Make sure wood stoves are properly installed, and at least three feet away from anything that can catch fire. Ensure they have the proper floor support and adequate ventilation.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace
- Do not use the kitchen oven range to heat your home.

## Emergency warming station

Please be aware that St. Matthews City Hall is a Red Cross warming station during emergencies.

## Check it out

### St. Matthews-Eline Library Programs

Upcoming programs at the St. Matthews-Eline branch of the Louisville Free Public Library include:

#### Online Music Library

**Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.:** Discover LFPL's streaming music service, Naxos Music Library, which is the world's largest online classical collection. Currently, it offers streaming access to more than 82,850 CDs with more than 1,191,300 tracks of standard and rare repertoire. Naxos Music Library-Jazz offers a mixed selection of

jazz legends and contemporary jazz; over 32,000 artists are represented.

#### Downloadable Audiobooks

**Feb. 12 at 11 a.m.:** Learn how to browse, search, and download from the Library's audiobook collection (for iPods, smart phones, & tablets). Over 4,500 audiobooks are available to download free with your library card.





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## Statistics

As usual, the St. Matthews Police Department did not miss a beat in 2013. Besides their other accomplishments (see chart below), SMPD seized \$163,888 in drug arrests. Funds taken in these arrests are used to buy equipment and supplies such as body armor, vehicles, new duty weapons and ammunition, first aid kits, and computers.

SMPD filled requests for 273 house

### St. Matthews Police Department 2013 Statistics

- Responded to 1,264 non-injury accidents
- Responded to 121 injury accidents in which 164 total persons were injured
- Investigated 1 fatal accident
- Investigated 45 violent crimes
- Investigated 677 nonviolent crimes
- Wrote 634 traffic citations
- Arrested people on 273 criminal charges
- Served 22 arrest warrants
- Special Response Team served 15 search warrants

watches and checked homes 2,673 times. House watches are FREE to St. Matthew residents and can be requested for times when folks need to be away from home, such as vacations, short or long trips, or even hospital stays. An officer will check the property three times a day (once per

shift). This service is one way residents and SMPD can work together to prevent crime.

The Works Department is another group of employees always on the job and racking up numbers. In 2013, they constructed approximately 7,650 feet sidewalk and milled and resurfaced about 1,250 linear feet of roads. Their team recycled 561 tons of leaves, diverting them from the landfill.

Luckily, St. Matthews experienced only one major weather event in 2013. When the storm came in July, the Works Department quickly cleaned it up, whisking away debris to a yard waste recycle facility.

The city clerk and Treasury Department were kept busy as 159 new business licenses were added in 2013 – 125 of them after July. The city issued 6,670 tax bills, with 93% (approximately 6,160) of taxpayers taking advantage of the 40% discount by paying their bill early.

## Tangible progress

Anyone looking around St. Matthews is bound to have noticed the upgrades local businesses have made, like those at Baptist Health and



Norton Healthcare – Suburban Hospital, the Mall St. Matthews, and Shelbyville Road Plaza. The financial investment these businesses have made to the community cannot be understated.

Less noticeable to residents are renovations at city hall to the men's restrooms and SMPD's men's locker room.

Probably some of the most appreciated changes are those that benefit our children and our health, such as improvements to St. Matthews' parks. In 2013, the city updated Community Park's play set area and finalized the plan for the new restroom and concession building to be completed this year. Stream restoration continued in Brown Park, and workers carried out non-native plant removal in Draut Park. New basketball nets were hung at Warwick Park, and its drinking fountains were upgraded.

And everyone breathed more freely as 220 trees were planted around the city and in the parks, marking a trail of good works and accomplishments for city residents and leaders to follow into 2014 and beyond.



# Seasons Greetings

## St. Matthews Baseball and Softball

Winter will be over before you know it, and the crack of bats will echo throughout St. Matthews Community Park. If you haven't signed



up your child to play baseball or softball, you may walk in and sign up at St. Matthews Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 1, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration forms are available at [St.MatthewsBaseballandSoftball.com](http://St.MatthewsBaseballandSoftball.com).

Tryouts for 8-15 year olds will be held on Feb. 15 at Ballard High School.

For those not signing up to play, volunteers are needed to serve as umpires or scorekeepers.

Games begin on Apr. 9, with the annual parade taking off from St. Matthews

Baptist Church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 12.

Games are free to the public and a lot of fun. Come join in America's pastime, and we'll see YOU at the ballpark!

## Give A Day

Apr. 12 is the kickoff week for Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's Give A Day initiative, which will again be held the week of Thunder Over Louisville and coincide with the community cleanup effort of Operation Brightside.

During Give A Day, Metro United Way matches volunteers

with projects and organizations through the website [mygiveaday.com](http://mygiveaday.com). Last year, more than 107,000 Louisville residents volunteered.

## Extreme weather debris pick-up

All debris from an extreme weather event, such as a tornado or straight line winds, will be picked up by the Works Department if it is placed at the street edge. It does not have to be bundled. In most cases, Works Department crews are out immediately after extreme events, clearing and picking up debris throughout the city.



## St. Matthews Woman's Club



The Woman's Club is growing and invites you to join them at The Bistro on the grounds of the Masonic Home on the dates listed below. The cost is your lunch at The Bistro. For more information, see their website at [www.wcsm.com](http://www.wcsm.com) or contact the club's president, Fran Evola, at 445-3040.

**Feb. 24:** Conservation Program - speaker from the Louisville Botanical Gardens.

**Mar. 24:** International Outreach Program - speaker unconfirmed.

**Apr. 14:** Women's Issues Program - speaker from Scarlet Hope, on human trafficking in the Louisville area.

## Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society

Become a Louisville savant by attending upcoming Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society programs. Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. in St. Matthews City Hall and are free.

**Feb. 9:** Steve Wiser, a lifelong Louisvillian, registered architect, and author of numerous articles on local history, preservation,

and civic responsibility, will speak about *Historic Houses of Louisville*.

**Mar. 9:** Bob Hill, long-time Courier-Journal columnist, owner of Hidden Hill Nursery and Sculpture Garden, and historian for the Parklands of Floyd's Fork, will discuss his research on *Floyd's Fork, John Floyd, and the New Parklands*

*System of Louisville and Jefferson County*.

**Apr. 13:** Allen J. Share, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Division of Humanities, University of Louisville, will present *The Reel/Real Civil War*, discussing the American Civil War as presented in various media, particularly motion pictures.

## Alexander Hamilton Historical Society

Regular AHHS meetings are held 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. For questions regarding AHHS, please call or email Lynn Olympia at 709-5070 or [Olympia1231@aol.com](mailto:Olympia1231@aol.com).

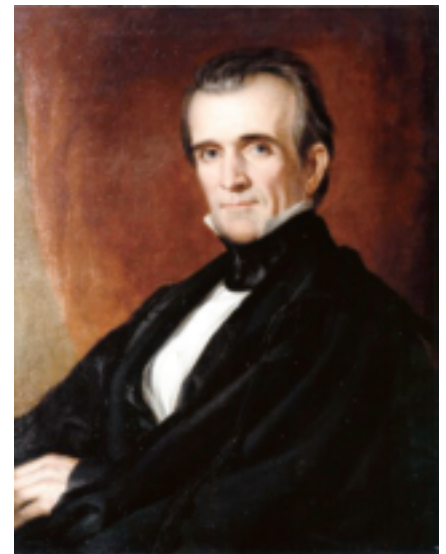
**Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.:** *The U.S. Constitution: Foundations and Controversies*. AHHS's annual symposium, co-sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Political

Science Society, will be held at Bellarmine University in the George Brown Center/Frazier Hall.

**Mar. 15:** Hon. Judge Michael McDonald, Ky. Court of Appeals (retired) will speak on the *History of Common Law*, as it came to America from England.

**Apr. 19:** AHHS member Dr. William Nash will review *Polk: The Man Who Transformed the Presidency and America*, by Walter Borneman. In one short term, Polk reduced tariffs, reestablished an independent treasury, brought Texas into

the union, and won the Oregon territory from England and California from Mexico.



President James K. Polk, 1845-1849

## Crime Buzz

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### 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. The majority of these solicitors are running scams, and they have been suspected in some daytime burglaries.

### 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.



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### **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  
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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**