



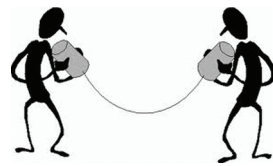
# Living

**City Hall**  
**3940 Grandview Avenue**  
**St. Matthews, KY 40207**  
**Hours: M-Th, 7:30-4**  
**Fr, 7:30-11:30**

**May 2011**

## If communication is what you crave, St. Matthews is always ready to lend you an ear

There are a multitude of ways to stay in touch with St. Matthews government, whether you want to report a possible crime, have a tree planted in front of your house, complain about the fillings you lost when your tire dropped into a pot hole, give the mayor a piece of your



mind, or quiz your city council members about a rumor you've heard.

St. Matthews wants to set the highest standards for openness, transparency, government accessibility and dialogue.

To reach out and touch your city government:

**1) Walk in to City Hall** and have a face-to-face meeting with a human being who will be anxious to help.

**2) Let your fingers do the walking, by using the "Call St. Matthews" 24/7 Automated Information System:**

638-4STM (4786), where you can:

A) Get the latest information on city services, news events, government actions, police activities, etc.

B) Connect directly to the city engineer, the code enforcement office, the police department, Rumpke of Kentucky, the St. Matthews/Eline library branch, the St. Matthews Historical Society, the St. Matthews Area Business Association, LG&E Outdoor Lighting department, etc.

C) Leave a message for the mayor, city clerk, city council members, other officials.



D) Report such problems as out-of-service street lights, damaged streets or sidewalks, graffiti, pot holes, trees and bushes obscuring a roadway, etc.

E) Express alarm about speeding on a residential street, or report suspicious or criminal activity — anonymously.

**3) Check out the city's Web site: [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org),** where you'll find:

A) Information about the city and related topics from parks to shopping

B) Links to related Web sites for fire, medical, library, etc.

C) Email questions and concerns to city officials.

D) Sign up to receive timely notices by email about city issues.

E) View minutes of city council meetings

F) Access the complete texts of all city ordinances.

**4) Speak directly with Mayor Bowling:** Telephone City Hall. If he isn't available immediately, he will return your call personally.

**5) Contact a city council member**

A) In person — at his or her home or at City Hall after a City Council meeting

B) By telephone: Most council members' numbers are in the phone book.

C) By email.



All of the above contact information for city council members is listed on the city Web site.

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**Festival, Business Expo coming up**  
**Grandview Avenue sewer project under way**

## A message from...

**Mayor Bowling and the city council:** 1) We have received, from Don Lawson of Stephens & Lawson CPA, the audit for the year that ended on June 30, 2010. Lawson explained the audit findings with the help of charts and graphs showing, essentially, that St. Matthews is in excellent financial shape. Expenditures for the

fiscal year were not in excess of the budget amounts in any line item; expenses were down in many cases; and city revenues actually increased. So it's fair to say that we, your city officials, were successful in our efforts to continue providing top-notch services while keeping costs at a minimum. 2) Please see to it that the city gets its proper share of the insurance taxes you pay. All policies on which St. Matthews gets a portion of the state tax is marked with the city code 1616. The policies are coded by Zip codes, and those of homeowners in some St. Matthews Zips may be going to Metro Louisville (0031) or Lyndon (0252). Any money paid in error can be recovered retroactively. Of course there's a catch: The code numbers don't appear on the policy copies that homeowners get. To check, you'll have to contact your agent. That's an bit of an annoyance, we know, but it'll help us repeat the fiscal performance described in 1) above. 3) **St. Matthews Police:** Fair warning: The department is working a traffic-law-enforcement grant, from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety, that focuses specifically on speeding and driving while impaired. City officers will be working extra patrols to catch speeders (especially those hurtling through residential areas) and drunk drivers. The idea is to reduce the number of injury accidents by strictly enforcing the law. You won't have to be concerned about the new effort if you stay under the speed limit and don't drink and drive. If you see what you suspect to be speeding, use the

**24/7 City Info Line: 638-4STM (4786), Option 2**



## Park place

It's baseball and softball season in St. Matthews for boy and girl players from 4 to 15 years old. Games are played at Community Park on Ten Pin Lane; attendance is free. There's a concession stand. Games are played Monday through Friday at 6 p.m.; Saturday games start at 10 a.m. and end about 9 p.m. Sunday is reserved for make-up games, which start at 1. In early July, St. Matthews will host the Babe Ruth All-Star State Tournaments for 10- and 15-year-olds; for dates and times, visit [www.stmatthewsbaseballandsoftball.com](http://www.stmatthewsbaseballandsoftball.com).

St. Matthews has bought three Powerheart G3+ AEDs (automated external defibrillators) designed specifically for public use, at a cost of \$6,500. One of the emergency heart stimulators will be kept in the concession area of the ball complex; one will be kept in the Community Center building; and the third will be in City Hall. Defibrillators have been shown to save lives, and this model can be used by civilians with little or no training. Powerheart will be training city personnel and other interested people; if you'd like to attend, call City Hall at 895-9444.

## Police beat



Police Chief Norman Mayer was honored recently for his support of the annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run by coordinating traffic control. L to R: Dave Newman, of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association; Mayer; Fred Meyer, Motorcycle Run coordinator; and Bob Gross of the Marie Corp.

## Crime 'buzz'

The St. Matthews Police Department now has a K-9 unit.

Officer John Norton and his partner "Jake," hired by the SMPD last November, have proven to be a valuable asset to the department.

Jake is a 2-year-old German shepherd trained in narcotics and evidence detection. Norton has 17 years' experience as a K-9 dog handler and is certified through the German Police Dog Training Academy in Stuttgart.

Jake doesn't always accompany Norton on patrol, but he is available for service 24 hours a day; he and Norton train together at least 4 hours a week. They have assisted recently in the detection and seizures of large amounts of drugs and cash.

In recent drug busts in St. Matthews, SMPD officers have seized \$35,000-\$40,000 in cash and six cars, for a total of about \$90,000.



**POLICE TIP LINE:  
498 CLUE (2583)**



## Eline/St. Matthews Library: "Check it out"



Five siblings from St. Matthews did a little gerbil research during a library visit with their mother, Sarah Rose, of Brunswick Road. They are (L to R), Ian, Carrie and Chet Rose, 3-year-old triplets; Genna Rose, 6, and Greg Rose, 7.

Visit your branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at 3940 Grandview Avenue for:

### Children's programs:

"Baby Story Time for Pre-Walkers";

"Baby Story Time for Walkers";

"Toddler Story Time" for ages 2- and 3-year olds;

"Preschool Story Time" for kids 3 to 5 years old;

"Special Needs Story Time" for preschoolers with special needs;

"Family Story Time" for children and parents;

Programs for Home-Schooled Children.

### Programs for teens:

Activities such as Anime @ St. Matthews and ACT/SAT tips and strategies, "Teen Tech Week," the "March Madness Challenge," and an audio book cafe.

"Job Shop" at the main branch downtown, which offers free employment and career resources, including computer classes;

### For adults:

Book discussions, "Puzzle Time," knitting groups, computer classes and more.

For dates and times and other information, call 574-1771 or visit the Web site: [www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org).

**Library hours: M-Th 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; F-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sunday**



## Community fest scheduled for June

The St. Matthews Community Festival at Brown Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, from noon to 4 p.m.

The festival is renewed every June in the park at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane. It features free, family-friendly entertainment.

Among the offerings are live music and dancing, a petting zoo, pony rides, hay rides, arts and crafts, food and drink concessions, and giveaways by local service groups.

Free parking is available in the Baptist East Doctors Building lot.

For more information, visit [www.smaba.org](http://www.smaba.org) or telephone 899-2523.

## Expo features St. Matthews firms

The St. Matthews Area Business Association's Business Expo is set for Thursday July 21, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Trinity High School, 4011 Shelbyville Road.

SMABA sponsors this yearly event featuring more than 80 exhibits by city businesses and service providers.

Participants include financial, medical, and health service providers, manufacturers and distributors, office-product companies, equipment firms, technology start-ups and restaurants.

Meet city business leaders and see how diverse your local economy really is. Recent incarnations of the Expo have attracted crowds upwards of 2,000.

For information about attending or exhibiting, visit [www.smaba.org](http://www.smaba.org) or telephone 899-2523.

**For information on other area events, use the "Call St. Matthews" 24/7 Automated Info system: phone 638-4STM (4786), option 3.**

**Have a SAFE Independence Day. Use fireworks outside only. Have a water bucket or hose handy. Never relight a "dud." No one under 12 should use fireworks. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Douse hot coals in water. Wear safety glasses.**

## "Code words": Ordinance spotlight

### 94.03 ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying real property within the city to permit any growth, refuse, trash, garbage, or scrap material to accumulate and remain upon real estate owned or occupied by the person within the city, which accumulation of materials upon the property attracts rodents or otherwise is a nuisance to the public. (Ord. 19, passed 8-12-1975). Penalty, see 94.99 (B)

### 94.04 WEEDS

It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property within the city to permit weeds or grass to grow greater than 8 inches in height on the property. (Ord. 19, passed 8-12-1975; amend. Ord. 8, passed 5-22-1984) Penalty, see 94.99 (B)  
(B) Any person violating 94.03 or 94.04 shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each offense. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate offense (Ord. 19, passed 8-12-1975)

### 24/7 Administration Line 855-SMCH (7624), option 3

(Full texts of ALL city ordinances can be accessed through [www.stmatthews.org/](http://www.stmatthews.org/))



Second-shift Patrolman Kent Jones has been honored by the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club as the police department's "Officer of the Year" for 2010. Jones says he enjoys interacting with residents on a personal level. Police Chief Norman Mayer says Jones "has received numerous letters of commendation from citizens ... praising him for his helpfulness and professionalism."

## Heart of St. Matthews market opens May 14

The Heart of St. Matthews Farmers Market will be open for business every Saturday from May 14 through Sept. 24 at Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Road, at the corner of Browns Lane.

Bring the family and see what local farmers and vendors have to offer: Locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, herbs, meat, cheese, flowers, craft products and more. Every dollar you spend is an investment in our local economy and a step toward a better community.



## Easy being green

### What's the harm in a little fertilizer?

It isn't a problem — *if* it's used carefully.

However, if you use too much, or apply it at the wrong time, it can wash off your lawn or garden into storm drains, then flow untreated into lakes and streams.

There, just as in your garden, fertilizer makes plants grow. In water bodies, extra fertilizer can mean uncontrolled algae and aquatic plant growth.

Too much algae reduces water quality and makes boating, fishing and swimming unpleasant. As algae decay, they use up oxygen in the water that fish and other wildlife need.

Use fertilizers sparingly. Never fertilize when a rainstorm is expected. Consider using organic fertilizers, which release nutrients more slowly.

Your plants will need less fertilizer if you mix some compost into the soil.

## Rumpke holidays may bring a change in trash collections

St. Matthews' waste hauler, Rumpke of Kentucky, observes six holidays a year for residential customers — New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

If your collection day falls on or after a holiday observed on a weekday, your service will be delayed by one day.

If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, your collection day won't change.

Rumpke's offices are closed on the day before New Year's Day and the day after Christmas, but its trucks will be in operation on those days.



## Good neighboring



This time of year, St. Matthew neighborhoods fill up with playing children, making it especially important to obey traffic laws: Observe speed limits and come to a full stop at signals and stop signs.

If you're out walking your dog or other pet, don't forget to pick up its "leavings."

Please don't block sidewalks with yard waste or other debris, or park cars, motorcycles or other vehicles where they block — even partially — pedestrians' access to the sidewalk.

To report a damaged sidewalk, use the "Call St. Matthews" service line at 498-2255 and select option 4.

Don't set out cans or bags of garbage earlier than the night before your scheduled pickup. St. Matthews provides rear-door pickup of garbage only.

Residents must maintain alleyways behind their homes, i.e., keep them cut and unobstructed, to discourage rodents and provide access for utility crews.

It's illegal to remove any item from a recycling container set out for pickup.

When cutting grass, don't blow the clippings into a neighbor's yard or the street.

Don't pile debris in or over a catch basin, which will cause flooding during heavy rains.



Andy "Peanut" White, left, and Jamarr Swain, employees of the Miller Pipeline Corp., were wholly engrossed in their prep work for the Grandview Avenue sewer project.

## Grandview Avenue sewers going in

The latest chapter in the continuing saga of drainage-system construction in St. Matthews is unfolding along the western part of Grandview Avenue. The aim is to improve drainage between Cannons Lane and Macon Avenue. The first stage, about 500 feet starting at Cannons Lane, involves water and gas line relocations and the installation of a 24-inch storm sewer along Grandview; home drains connected to the new main will eliminate most surface-water pooling along Grandview. A second stage will complete the project to Macon.



## Fire department news 'Hot off the press'

Summer is just around the corner, and that's worth celebrating. No more ice, snow and freezing temperatures. Birdsong. Warm breezes.

And the urge to throw something on the barbie.

The St. Matthews and Lyndon fire districts would like to present a few reminders to help you have a safe and enjoyable time.

### Grilling safety

Americans enjoy more than 3 billion barbecues every year. It doesn't occur to most of them that barbecuing can be dangerous, even deadly, if you aren't careful.

To keep your grilling from getting too fiery:

Before you fire it up, protect yourself with a heavy apron and an oven mitt that extends almost to your armpits.

For gas grills, it's crucial to store the gas cylinder outside and as far away from your house as possible. Make sure to close the valves tightly when you aren't using them. Check regularly for leaks in the connections with a soap-and-water mixture; bubbles will show where gas is escaping.

Barbecue grills should be kept on a level surface away from house, garage, landscaping and, most of all, children.

For charcoal grills, only use starter fluids designed for grills. Never use gasoline. And go easy on the starter fluid. If necessary, rekindle with dry kindling and add more charcoal if necessary. Never add more liquid fuel; you could end up with a flash fire.

Be sure to soak hot coals in water before you put them in the trash. Always remember that grills remain hot long after you are through barbecuing.

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Mary Jo Nay

Martha Schade

Richard Tonini

Tony Weiter

Patrick Wissing

**City Council meetings 7 p.m.**  
**2nd & 4th Tuesdays monthly**  
**1st floor City Hall building**

**Public Welcome**

City Council meeting minutes  
available online at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org)

## Government access

City Hall offices	895-9444
City engineer	899-2518
Code enforcement	899-2544
Police	893-9000
Police records	899-2537
Anonymous tip line	498-CLUE
Emergency	911

### ***NEED TO KNOW?***

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