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## Follow the steps to get a new street light

The City of St. Matthews has just finished a busy summer full of projects and progress, and a lot of work is still underway as we approach the cooler, shorter days of winter.

And it's this time of year when it gets dark early in the evening and later in the morning. That's when you see just how dark your neighborhood can get.

Do you need a street light on your block?

Getting one installed might be easier than you think.

The City of St. Matthews will install street lights at no additional cost to citizens provided the need is there and nearby residents do not object.

Here's the standard procedure followed by the city:

Residents desiring a street light installation should gather a petition with signatures from as many residents of the block as possible.

The petition should be submitted to St. Matthews City Hall.

St. Matthews council members on the street light committee review the site, then make a recommendation to the City Council.

Generally, when there is a favorable recommendation, meaning the installation of a light is justified and no neighbors object, the City Council approves the expense of having the light installed.

And within a few weeks, your block will be brighter because of a new street light.

Don't forget that keeping your porch lights and yard lights on can be helpful, too, for people walking or riding bicycles through our neighborhoods.

In addition, the light on your property is considered a deterrent to crime, according to public safety experts.

So get together with your neighbors and decide if an additional street light is needed. We'll be on the lookout for your petitions!

-- Arthur Draut, Mayor

## Condominiums to be added to routes

## Sanitation service handled by contractor

Since early September, the Laidlaw Sanitation Corporation has been handling the collection of garbage in the City of St. Matthews.

The transition from the city-operated sanitation department to the private contractor went smoothly. Several of our former employees have been hired by Laidlaw.

This move should prove beneficial to the city since we no longer have to deal with the rapidly rising cost of dumping fees and the expense of maintaining a fleet of garbage trucks.

We still provide rear-door pick-up, but Laidlaw officials advise us that their employees will not enter a garage to get to garbage cans because of extreme liability.

We hope you are pleased with your service.

Keep in mind that your City Council also was able to eliminate the \$32 garbage fee this year!

There is one particular change with the contracted sanitation service that we expect our residents to greatly appreciate.

The Laidlaw company will pick up any compactable trash items placed at curb-side on any regular collection day. The city will not schedule special trash pick-ups any longer since there is no need for them!

Also, some of our sanitation routes were changed as of Oct. 1. The residents affected were notified earlier.

The route changes were made because Laidlaw's new, larger-capacity trucks can cover more territory in one day.

We're also pleased to announce that the City of St. Matthews soon will be providing sanitation service to condominiums at no extra

charge to the taxpayers!

In order to receive the service, which probably will start about Dec. 1, the condominium complexes must use a container belonging to Laidlaw.

Here's some more good news on sanitation service: the Laidlaw garbage vehicles will be able to accommodate as many leaf bags as you can carry to curb-side!

## City Hall to be renovated; police quarters enlarged

St. Matthews officials soon will be letting bids on the renovation project for City Hall.

The St. Matthews Police Department will benefit from the expansion primarily.

Plans call for two large bays in the back of the building to be renovated so that police quarters will face the front of City Hall. This way your police will be more accessible to you.

In addition, the police force will have better and more spacious quarters.

## New cars bought, new officers patrolling

Three officers recently have joined the St. Matthews Police Department, filling vacancies on the force.

The new officers are: Vito Buono, William Fitzgerald and Mark Fulmore.

And keep an eye out for our four new police cars that will be on the streets soon! They replace older models that were sold at auction.

**Trees Inc. to help spruce up city**

In the month of November, Trees Inc. and the City of St. Matthews will be adding more trees to the community.

Trees will be planted along major thoroughfares including Shelbyville Road, Kresge Way/Bowling Boulevard and Breckinridge Lane.

St. Matthews works department employees will dig the holes and professionals with Trees Inc. will plant the trees.

**Turn lanes, traffic light to ease problems at Westport/Washburn Intersection**

State highway officials recently confirmed that plans are set for the installation of turning lanes and a traffic light at the intersection of Westport Road and Washburn Avenue.

Contracts on the project will be let next spring, according to state highway officials.

**Signal improvements on Shelbyville Road**

The state is spending \$510,000 on signal improvements on Shelbyville Road. The work already is underway.

The traffic lights are being synchronized for a smoother traffic flow.

**Thanks for a great Indian Summer Festival!**

Merchants and members of the community who attended the many Indian Summer in St. Matthews events deserve a round of applause!

The annual festivities were quite successful, and the committee members who orchestrated the festival are to be commended.

**Sidewalk improvements are underway**

Two contractors are busily at work in different parts of the City of St. Matthews improving sidewalks that are in disrepair, are old and are unsafe.

We have received many requests and all of these will be honored as time passes. City officials review requests to see where the greatest need for sidewalk repairs and installations are.

**Warwick Park gets more facilities**

The City of St. Matthews' Warwick Park off La Grange Road in Warwick Villa subdivision was the recipient of some new recreational facilities this summer.

A walking path, horseshoe pits, volleyball court,

park benches and picnic tables now are available for public use.

The City Council approved the expenditure for park improvements up to \$3,000.

**Drainage work underway in Chenoweth Lane area**

A surface water drainage improvement is underway for the Chenoweth Lane area, including Woodrow between Gilman and Massie avenues and throughout Colonial Village.

This work will greatly reduce problems with standing water in the area.

The drainage projects have been estimated by engineers to cost about \$230,000.

**Sanitary sewers on the way for Hubbards area**

Construction should start any day now on sanitary sewers in the Hubbards Lane area, including Monohan Drive and Norbourne Boulevard, as well as a few households on other streets.

Better sanitary sewer systems installed by nearby apartment complex developers make it possible for these residents to be connected to sewers.

**Resurfacing program scheduled for 1988**

The City of St. Matthews will have its street resurfacing program again in 1988.

If you think your street is a candidate for resurfacing, write to City Hall at 201 Thierman Lane. We want your input.

**Pavillion added at Community Center**

If you haven't tried it yet, check out the new picnic pavilion built at the St. Matthews Community Center as approved by the City Council.

Tables and grills along with the pavilion make it a great place for a family outing.

**St. Matthews City Hall**

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**St. Matthews City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 201 Thierman Lane.**

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