

ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

City of St. Matthews

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City Council meetings:

The council meets in open
session at City Hall on the
second and fourth Tuesdays of
each month at 7 p.m.

City motorists are about to get a crash course in speed-reading

The St. Matthews Police Department has obtained a \$10,000 portable radar/speed indicator whose purpose is to increase drivers' awareness of their speed.

The unit is being set up near school and hospital zones and residential through streets — especially in areas where speeding has been a problem — and will be left in each location for several days. Then police with real radar units will move in.

"If they get caught speeding after two weeks of this sign," says Police Chief Norman Mayer, "they deserve it."

In other police news:

- The St. Matthews department will use a \$58,245 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to buy 10 laptop computers and auxiliary equipment for patrol officers.

The purpose of the federal COPS MORE program grant is to make report-writing more efficient and give officers more time to devote to their patrol duties.

- The St. Matthews department has been recommended for accreditation through the Kentucky Chiefs of Police Association after meeting 144 standards covering all department operations.

The department will be the third law-enforcement agency in Jefferson County — and only the ninth in the state of Kentucky — to achieve such accreditation.



Fair warning: The city's new speed monitor will allow drivers to police themselves.

- The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program has been expanded to include kindergarten-through-fourth-grade students in St. Matthews schools. This complements current programs for fifth-, eighth- and 10th-grade students.

- Sgt. Bill Fitzgerald has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Fitzgerald was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant and has been serving as relief sergeant for the patrol division.

Inside:

*Waggener puts the "home" in homecoming.
Autumn likely to provoke rakish behavior.
The library cultivates a garden for children.
Pointing out the perils of portable heaters.*

Use home-heating equipment carefully to have a warm — and safe — winter

The arrival of cold weather each year inevitably brings an increase in fires caused by home-heating equipment.

However, with a little common sense and a modicum of caution, you can ensure that your home will be both warm and safe this winter.

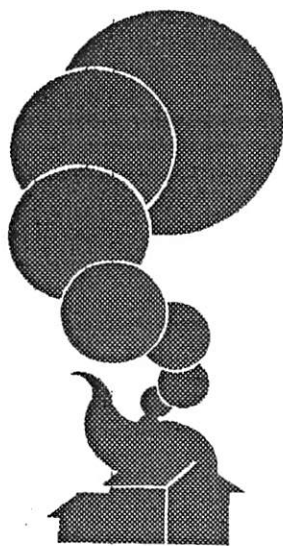
Most home-heating fires involve portable heaters and space heaters.

While *all* heating devices are potentially dangerous — especially when used improperly or carelessly — room gas heaters and kerosene heaters are the devices most often implicated in fires that involve fatalities.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has provided the following guidelines:

- Shop for safety.

Buy only heaters that bear the label of an independent testing laboratory. Look for heaters with automatic-shutoff safety features.



- Use kerosene heaters properly.

Carefully follow the manufacturer's guidelines when using any portable heating device. Be sure it is properly vented, and fueled only with the recommended fuel. Fuel the device

outside — and only after it has completely cooled.

- Never use gasoline as a heating fuel. Doing so will cause an explosion.

- Take good care of your heating equipment.

Have wood stoves and chimneys inspected and cleaned regularly by professionals.

Furnaces and flue gas pipes should be inspected by a qualified technician before being used each season.

- Give heating equipment plenty of room.

Keep the area around your heating equipment free of combustible materials. Three feet of clearance is a good rule of thumb.

If you have any fire-safety questions or concerns, call the Fire Prevention and Safety Division of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 893-7825.

St. Matthews/Eline Library launches speaker series, starts kids' garden

From the library staff:

Let us begin with a big THANK YOU to all of you who helped with our recent Book Auction and Sale.

We made a nice profit, which will go toward new materials for our library collection. (It's not too early to bring us your donations for next summer's fundraiser.)

St. Matthews/Eline is enjoying the excitement of our return to homework assistance and fall programming.

Our adult speakers will feature tips on "Getting Ready for Fall."

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Mary Stubbs Davis launched the autumn speaker series by presenting her practical ideas for organizing one's life in her program, "Thriving, Not Surviving."

On Oct. 3, Larry Mover of the Garden Department of Levy's Lumber & Building Center will talk about

"Preparing the Fall/Winter Lawn & Garden."

Our third program will be "Autumn Cooking: Soups, Stews, Chowders & Breads," conducted by Patricia Kotur of Wiltshire Pantry.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, library staff will present "Wit & Wisdom," a review of books by popular humorists and essayists.

Groundbreaking for the St. Matthews/Eline Library's Children's Garden took place on Sept. 19.

The garden, located behind the library, will provide regular programs for young library patrons. The plot will include an ABC Garden, a Sensory Garden, a Pizza Garden and a Cut Flower Garden.

We need volunteers to help maintain the garden and to assist children during seasonal planting programs.

A word to the wise about "white goods"

As we announced in an earlier newsletter this year, Laidlaw Waste Systems picks up St. Matthews residents' "white goods" (washers, dryers, stoves and refrigerators) for recycling on the second Wednesday of every month.

That hasn't changed.

But what we neglected to make clear is that residents in need of this service must notify Laidlaw in advance, by calling 451-9905.

There is no charge for the service, which includes the draining and recycling of freon from refrigerators. (In the past there was a \$10 charge for picking up and disposing of white goods, and freon had to be removed at the owner's expense.)

Outbreak of rakish behavior expected; seasonal leaf collections to start Nov. 6

St. Matthews will conduct its leaf-vacuuming program throughout the city again this fall, as weather permits.

The program is scheduled to begin on Nov. 6 in an area bounded by Frankfort Avenue, Interstate 64, Breckenridge Lane and Cannons Lane.

Signs will be placed on the streets one week before the collection date for each area.

Cars should be kept off the streets during designated pickup weeks.

Each area scheduled for pickup will be completely cleared before crews move on to the next area. The collection crews *will not backtrack*.

However, if weather permits, crews plan to go through the city a second time.

(No advance notice of the second pickup will be given, however.)

Leaves must be raked into piles and placed near the street. City officials ask that only leaves be placed in the piles; other materials, such as branches and twigs, can clog the machinery. Homeowners may be liable for damage to the vacuuming equipment.

In addition, residents may set out an unlimited number of bagged leaves for pickup on regular garbage-collec-

tion days. The leaves *must* be in recycled-paper bags available at Kroger, Winn-Dixie and Target stores.

A request from city officials: Please be careful not to rake leaves into drainage ditches, where they may function as dams and cause serious drainage problems.

Remember that yard waste must be separated from household trash.

All leaves collected in the city program are processed into compost, saving thousands of cubic feet of landfill space each year. So a major convenience for you is also an act of kindness to the environment.



Scenes like this will soon be familiar in St. Matthews. City leaf-vacuuming crews hope residents won't set "traps" for them by including logs and branches in leaf piles.

Waggener adding new wrinkle to homecoming

Waggener High School's Homecoming '95 festivities will kick off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, with a neighborhood parade.

Elaborately decorated floats, homecoming royalty candidates, clubs, elementary and middle school contingents, dignitaries, the school's marching band, football players, dance cats and cheerleaders will spread the Wildcat spirit as they parade around the St. Matthews area.

The unprecedented event is intended to acknowledge and celebrate the special, historic relationship between the public high school and the community it calls home.

Stake out a spot early (near the press box, behind the bleachers) for the bonfire to be ignited at the conclusion of the parade.

Don't forget to wear red and gray!

Stop in the culinary-arts section of the Waggener hospitality wing (the Browns Lane entrance) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a reception honoring Waggener alumni. Greet old friends and enjoy a light dinner prepared by students in the Culinary Arts Magnet Program.

Game time is 7:30. Come early, grab a good seat and watch the Wildcats trounce the Moore Mustangs. (And watch for some surprises during the halftime festivities.)

Bridge update

The good news is that the Bowling Boulevard bridge opened on Sept. 22.

The not-so-good news is that the Sherburn Lane bridge was shut down on Sept. 25, and will remain closed for reconstruction for about six weeks.

City trivia: The St. Matthews Produce Exchange, formed by 200 farmers in 1910, grew to become the second-largest potato shipper on Earth. The city was known as "the potato capital of the world" until 1946, when the Exchange — now the site of The Colony — finally closed its doors.

City of St. Matthews services

Trees for free

Anyone interested in having the Works Department plant trees in front of his or her home along a city right-of-way can make the request by calling City Hall at 895-9444.

Let there be light

If you'd like to have street lights installed on your block, write a note to City Hall, including your name, address and phone number. You can choose the style of light you prefer, but the placement will be determined by a Louisville Gas & Electric Co. engineer.

Security, on the house

Going out of town? Attending a funeral? Call the St. Matthews Police at 893-9000 and arrange to have patrol officers make frequent checks of your house while you're away.

Step on a crack?

People whose areas have crooked or broken sidewalks can easily get them repaired or fixed; just call City Hall. Those wanting brand-new sidewalks need petitions bearing the names of 51 percent of all residents affected.

Property-tax bills are on the way

St. Matthews property-tax bills will begin arriving in early October.

The rate is 22 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Property taxes are sometimes paid by the homeowner, sometimes by the mortgage holder. If you're not sure whether you're responsible for paying the tax, check with your mortgage company.



Park smart: Park all cars and other vehicles in driveways, not in easements or on rights-of-way.

Signs, etc.: If you tape or staple a sign to a pole, please go back when the event is over and take it down.

Trash pickups: Please don't set cans and bags out any earlier than the night before your pickup.

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