

A Report From St. Matthews City Council

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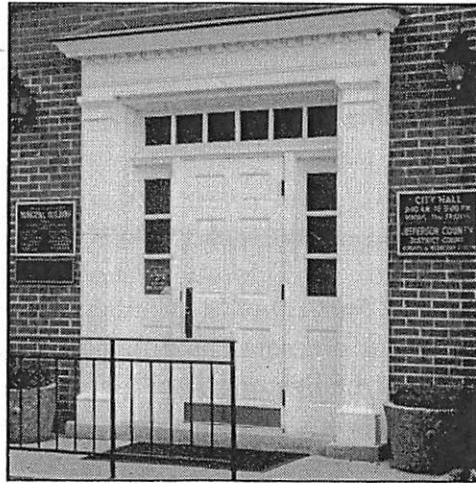
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News From City Hall

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION!!!

Recently, you may or may not have received a notice from Jefferson County Property Value Administration (PVA). Effective January 1, 1992, the value of some property was reassessed. The City of St. Matthews has adopted the county assessment.

If you received a reassessment, you also received written material with instructions on what to do if you do not agree with the assessment. Please DO NOT call City Hall. We have no recourse in this matter.

Follow the instructions that were sent with the reassessment on when to call, where to call and what your alternatives are. If you think the reassessment is incorrect, you must appeal to Jefferson County.

Beginning this year, tax statements will be received in the fall rather than July 1. Your statement will cover the same time period, you will just receive them later. There will be more details concerning this matter in upcoming newsletters.

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CLARIFICATION ON TRASH PICKUP

In an effort to clarify the agreement between the City of St. Matthews and Laidlaw Waste Company, please take a minute to read the following.

Every piece of residential property is allowed to have three (3) thirty (30) gallon cans that will be picked up in the rear of the property. In addition, the following items may be placed at curbing for collection on your regular day:

- leaves, grass clippings and sod in 32 gallon or less bags or cans
- other discarded items
- shrubbery and tree trimmings which are cut and tied in four-foot lengths

St. Matthews residents are responsible for ensuring that the bags or bundles weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

If any resident abuses these privileges, Laidlaw Waste Company will not discuss it with the resident but will notify the City Council. Under the Laidlaw Waste Company agreement, the pickup of trash and junk at times of normal pickup will be provided at no additional cost to the city. Individual residents may be charged up to \$5.00 per discarded appliance such as water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, etc...

Please call Laidlaw Waste Company at 451-9905 for fee schedule and pickup arrangements.



City of St. Matthews

Wants You To Know...

JUST A REMINDER...

House Number Ordinance

The City of St. Matthews does have an ordinance requiring a visible street number on all buildings. This is for your safety in the event an emergency vehicle needs to find your residence quickly.

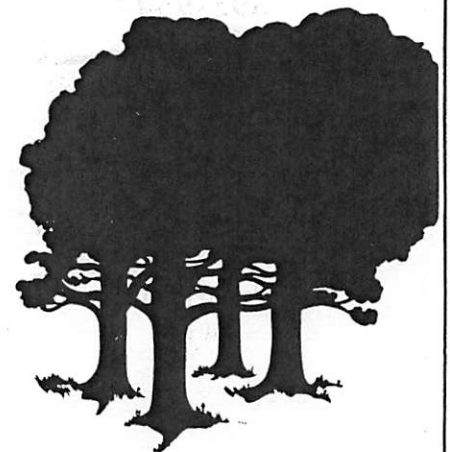
It has come to our attention that many residents and business owners are without visible numbers. We strongly encourage you to correct this matter so that it will not be necessary that we take further action. This is for your protection. Take time to address this matter before a tragedy occurs.

Sidewalks, Streetlights and Trees

We would like to remind all of our property owners that we will replace or establish a new sidewalk if you submit a petition from your block containing at least 51% of the residents of that block. The same procedure applies if you would like to have new streetlights on your block. If you would like to have a tree planted on the easement of your property an individual request is all that is needed

Stash Your Trash

Please remember not to set your trash out any sooner than the night before your scheduled pick up. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. If bagged leaves, clippings or trash are placed out too far in advance, often times they are spilled and the rubbish becomes a real eye sore. If you take pride in your neighborhood, we will all benefit.



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CITY OF THE TROLLEY

If San Francisco is known as the city of cable cars, perhaps the City of St. Matthews should be called the city of the trolley. We are happy to announce that the Toonerville Trolley will return in June and run through August for your enjoyment. Trolley service is on Thursdays and sponsored by the City and the Business Association of St. Matthews. The routes will be those previously established.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

As this newsletter goes to press, we feel confident that the Eline Branch Library will remain open and will move into the new location at the Greathouse Elementary School Building on Grandview Avenue.

Upon being officially notified, we will proceed with our remodeling plans and hope to move into this location late summer or early fall.

F. O. P. SOLICITATIONS

It has come to our attention that many citizens are receiving solicitation phone calls from the Fraternal Order of Police. (F. O. P.) This organization is a social fraternity and is in no way representing this administration. As a social fraternity, the F. O. P. does make contributions to charitable organizations, but you should not feel coerced or pressured to purchase any merchandise or tick-

ets from them.

Should you experience any undue pressure, please notify the City so that we make take action.

RADON

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to issue national health advisories about the presence of ionizing radiation in homes, schools, and workplaces. As the natural element radium decays, radon gas is formed in the soil. Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that is found in structures throughout the country.

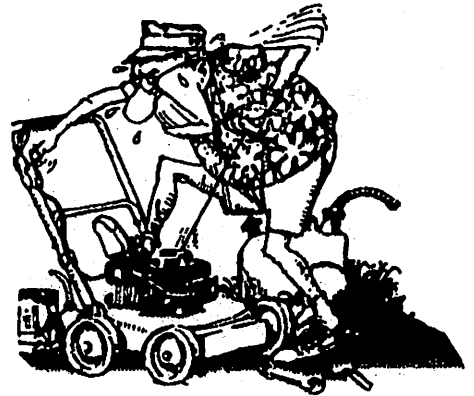
The potential health risk associated with exposure to radon is lung cancer. The U. S. EPA estimates that 16,000 lung cancer cases in the U. S. annually may be attributed to radon.

The City of St. Matthews has been very proactive in addressing this issue. The City offered 500 radon test kits to residents at a discount price and has implemented Radon Awareness programs. For free educational presentations to your group, contact the Kentucky Radiation Control Branch at (502) 564-3700.

UPDATE ON BROWNS LANE PARK

In order to accommodate the widening of I-64 and the Watterson Expressway, portions of Browns Lane Park are currently under construction. Once the changes have been made, this area will be restored and the landscaping refurbished.

RECYCLING ON YOUR HOME TURF



Grass clippings are much more valuable left to decompose on your lawn than in plastic bags buried in our landfill sites. During April and May almost 50% of the annual grass growth occurs in our area. Let's consider recycling clippings as recommended by the local experts, Fred Wiche and A. J. Powell, Jr. from U. K.

- Don't fertilize this spring if you fertilized last fall. The Kentuckiana area's grasses are best fertilized twice annually between September and December.

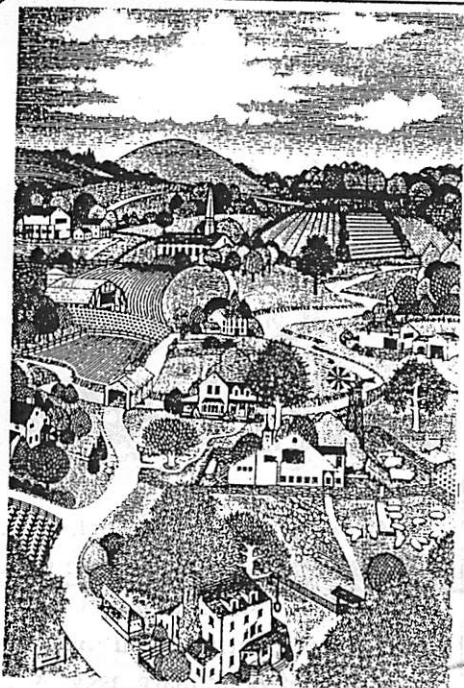
- Set your mower blade to 2" and mow when grass is 3". Removing only 1/3 of the blade keeps grass healthy.

- Add a mowing cycle. You'll save time not bagging all that grass.

- Mow only when grass is dry. Wet grass clumps.

- Keep your mower blade sharp.

If you have specific questions about grass recycling, call the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service at 425-4482.



**PRIDE IN YOUR
PROPERTY IS
CONTAGIOUS
IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD**

RECYCLING SUCCESS

The City of St. Matthews is proud to announce that approximately 80% of our residents are participating in our recycling program. After 10 months of operation we have collected:

23.35 tons of Plastic
92.25 tons of Glass
20.81 tons of Bi-metals
11.06 tons of Aluminum
361.85 tons of Paper

The City plans to continue our program and we encourage your participation.



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