

St. Matthews News

Spring 1995

City of St. Matthews

City Hall

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St. Matthews, KY
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Police emergency: 911
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Arthur K. Draut, **Mayor**

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Bernard Bowling Jr.
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City Hall office hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
except during Daylight
Savings Time, when hours
are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mon - Thur. and 8:30 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Council Meetings

The City Council meets in
open session at City Hall
on the second and fourth
Tuesdays of each month
at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to St. Matthews Open House and 45th Anniversary Sunday March 12th

Mayor Art Draut and the City
Council have invited all St. Matthews
residents to an Open House at the
new City Hall at 3940 Grandview
Avenue.

The Open House is scheduled
for 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 12,
with a building dedication ceremony
at 1:30.

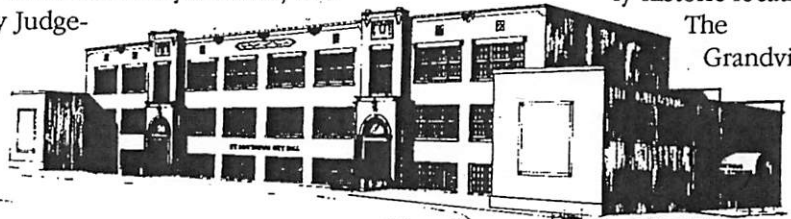
The event will double as a cele-
bration of the city's 45th anniversary.

Speakers at the dedication cere-
mony will include Mayor Draut, and
County Judge-

and renovated at a cost of more than
\$1 million. In addition to city govern-
ment offices and the police depart-
ment, the building also is the home
of the St. Matthews/Eline branch of
the Louisville Free Public Library,
and includes office and meeting
space for such groups as the St.
Matthews Area Business Association
and the Beargrass-St. Matthews
Historical Society.

The new City Hall is in a unique-
ly historic location.

The
Grandview



Executive David
Armstrong and A District
Commissioner Steve Henry with
Councilman Harry Hargadon being
Master of Ceremonies.

A highlight of the ceremony will
be the unveiling of a plaque that will
later be affixed to the building.

Refreshments will be served, and
1,000 small St. Matthews city flags
will be distributed on a first-come,
first-served basis.

The new City Hall is in the for-
mer Greathouse Traditional
Elementary School building, which
the city purchased for \$1.3 million

Avenue building was the sixth incar-
nation of St. Matthews' first public
school, which opened in 1877 with
an enrollment of seven students.
Miss Tommie Greathouse, appointed
in 1884 at a salary of \$210 a year,
was the school's only teacher for 19
years, then served as principal for 15
years more before retiring in 1918,
three years after the school was
renamed in her honor. Miss Mayme
Waggener, after whom Waggener
High School was named, was princi-
pal of the Greathouse School from
1918 to 1946.

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Traffic-enforcement grant is money well spent

The St. Matthews Police Department has completed its final year of Selective Traffic Enforcement under a special federal grant.

For the period from October 1993 through September 1994, a total of 1,198 citations were issued, down from 1,876 for the previous year. However, the number of citations issued per police man-hour was up from 3.0 to 3.7, and the percentage of accidents classified as alcohol-related was down from 1.7 to 1.1. For the second consecutive year, the overall accident rate was down by about 9 percent.

For the year, the department recorded 166 injury accidents (with a total of 232 injuries), 843 non-injury crashes, 26 alcohol-related wrecks

(with 12 injuries), and no fatal accidents.

Among the other grant objectives accomplished by the department were 45 highway-safety presentations to schools and other groups; the purchase and use of AAA materials in 13 driver-improvement classes for mature drivers; and participation in several safety campaigns, including Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Child Safety Awareness, a Seat Belt Kick-Off promotion and special Memorial Day speeding enforcement.

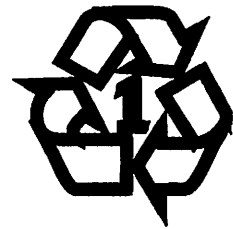
The department wishes to thank the National Highway Traffic Safety Group and the Kentucky State Police for their help with grant programs.



1995 New Recycling of White Goods Policy

Laidlaw Waste Systems has started picking up your White Goods at no charge and recycling them. The recycling will also include the draining and recycling of freon from refrigerators. In the past there was a \$10.00 charge for picking up and disposing of white goods and the freon had to be removed at the owners' expense.

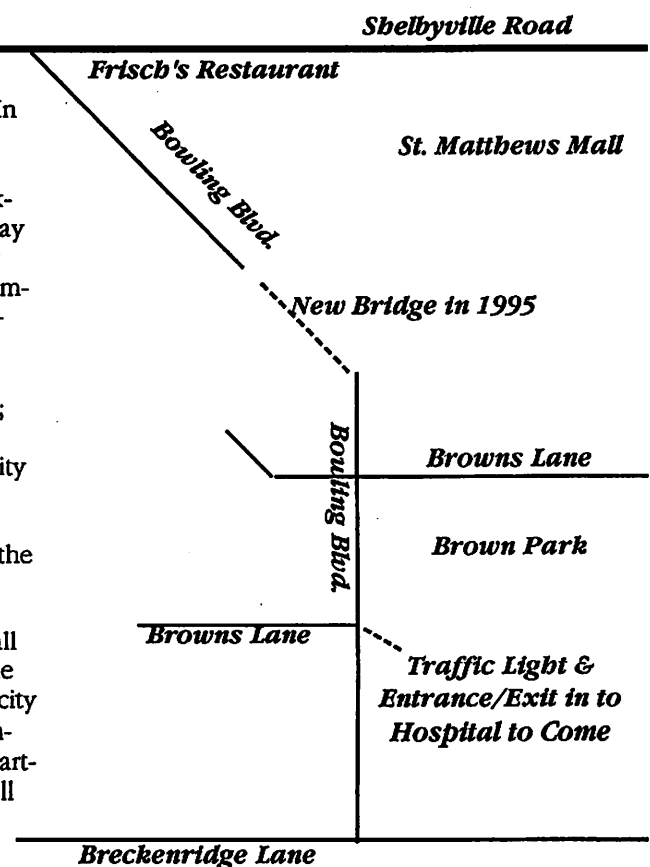
On the second Wednesday of every month place your white goods (washers, dryers, stoves and refrigerators) out at the curb. Laidlaw will pick up the white goods and take them to a recycling center.



Changing Traffic Patterns

Several of our citizens have inquired concerning the changing traffic patterns that have taken place and will take place in our city. I write this article trusting it will clear up your questions. The major change that you have noted is the traffic signal that is at the new intersection of Shelbyville Road and Bowling Blvd. The traffic lights on Shelbyville Road (a state controlled road) will remain as presently located for a period of time while the state traffic engineers study the volume of traffic and determine a permanent location of the traffic signals. Bowling Blvd. (the new road along side Frisch's Restaurant) currently connects with Sherburn Lane at the rear of the Mall property. It will, by August of this year (1995) also continue over the creek, through Mallard Crossing and connect with the current Bowling Blvd. and Kresge Way along side Baptist Hospital East. When completed this will provide a throughway from Breckenridge Lane to Shelbyville

Road. This improvement necessitates the flashing signal at Browns Lane and Kresge Way/Bowling Blvd. In the near future Browns Lane will connect directly into the Baptist Hospital campus making this intersection a four-way stop. These additions to our traffic pattern are being accomplished through the cooperation of Jefferson County Government; the Rouse Company, owner of the Mall; Mr. David Carney, owner of Mallard Crossing; and your city government. The bridge on Sherburn at the rear of the Mall, will be replaced when the above mentioned improvements have been completed. The ring-road around the Mall is on private property and the speed bumps are not under city control. If you are more confused now than when you started reading this, give me a call at City Hall.



Some of St. Matthews Services

Tree planting

The tree planting program has been quite successful. Many residents have ask for and have received trees in front of their home. Anyone interested in having trees planted on their property right-of-way can make the request by calling City Hall at 895-9444.



St. Matthews
Works Dept.
Planting a tree
in the city

Limb Mulcher

The Works Department has bought a limb mulcher. This will help with the cleaning up of fallen branches throughout the city. With this new equipment St. Matthews



Works can go around and mulch-up the limbs that are too big for garbage collectors to pick-up. Any time we have a storm the Dept. will cover the city. If you have large branches that have fallen that can be mulched please call city hall.

St. Matthews firefighters launch smoke-detector program

House fires account for 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States, and most deaths occur when residents are asleep. Studies conducted by the National Fire Protection Association suggest that the presence of working smoke detectors in a home reduce the risk of death by 50 percent. With those facts in mind, the St. Matthews Fire District has set a goal for itself: that no home in the district will be without a working smoke detector.

Beginning in January, firefighters have been going door-to-door on Sunday afternoons offering to test smoke detectors, supply fresh

batteries, and install new detectors free of charge in homes that lack them. The department expects it will take about one year to reach every home in the district.

Manpower and funding for the program are being provided from the district's operating budget, and

households that receive smoke detectors are being asked for donations of \$6 per detector (the cost to the district) to offset part of the cost.

Participation is voluntary.

Anyone who has questions or needs a smoke detector installed is encouraged to call the district's Fire Prevention Bureau at 893-7825.



LIBRARY NEWS

New employee: Ann Nuss, children's department.

Major book buy: Nearly 1,000 volumes have been purchased in recent weeks.

Circulation record: Patrons checked out 30,000 books in the month of January.

Story Hours March 1-April 1: Preschool, 11 a.m. Wednesdays; Family, 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Adult Program: April 14, 11 a.m.: All About Books -- Cooking & Cake Decorating.

Reading Recommendations for Young Adults: March 24, 3 p.m.

Speaker Program: "White Hair and Gray Matter," April 4, 7 p.m.

One-Year Anniversary, Friends of the Library: April 11, 7 p.m.

Coming in May: Three programs on home repairs and decorating.

For more information, call Susan at 574-1771.

St. Matthews/Eline Branch Library 1995 evening book discussion group meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in our accessible second floor meeting room. Copies of the chosen titles are available at the branch a month prior to the discussion. Read the book, bring a friend and share your ideas!

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| April 6 | <i>Family</i>
by Ian Frazier |
| May 4 | <i>Barbara Bush: A Memoir</i>
by Barbara Bush |
| June 1 | <i>How We Die: Reflection Son Life's Final Chapter</i>
by Sherwin B. Noland |
| July 6 | <i>Old Friends</i>
by Tracy Kidder |
| Aug. 3 | <i>A Long Walk to Freedom</i>
by Nelson Mandela |
| Sept. 7 | <i>Unredeemed Capture: a Family Story From Early America</i>
by John Demos |

City of St. Matthews Programs:

Street light program

If you'd like to have street lights installed on your block, write a note to City Hall indicating the block with your name address and phone number. You can select the Acorn or Coach light style, but the exact placement will be determined by a Louisville Gas & Electric Co. engineer.

Sidewalks

The City Council encourages people whose neighborhoods have crooked, badly cracked or broken sidewalks to call City Hall and report those locations. To have new walks installed, draft a petition and obtain the signatures of at least 51% of the residents affected, then bring the signed petition to City Hall. For information, call 895-9444

House patrol

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



Good Neighboring

Parking:

Please park all cars and other vehicles in driveways, not in easements or rights-of-way.

Trash pickup

Keep in mind that no one wants your trash scattered around the neighborhood. So don't set your cans and bags out any earlier than the night before your scheduled pickup.

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