

# St. Matthews News

Summer 1995

City of St. Matthews



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Arthur K. Draut, Mayor

### Council Members:

Bernard Bowling Jr.  
Harry Hargadon Jr.  
Mary Jo Nay  
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Martha Schade  
Richard Tonini  
Tony Weiter

### 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.

## Property, business-license taxes continue dropping in St. Matthews

Better service at lower cost is becoming a hallmark of St. Matthews government.

In 1989, the city's property tax rate was .2995 (nearly 30 cents) per \$100 of assessed valuation, with a 15 percent discount for timely payment. In 1990 the rate dropped to 26 cents per \$100, and in 1991 the discount was raised to 25 percent. In 1992 the property tax went to 25 cents, and in 1994 it dropped again, to 23 cents per \$100. This year the City Council approved a 1995 tax

rate of just 22 cents per \$100, and raised the paid-on-time discount to 40 percent.

(Speaking of property taxes: If you will be 65 years old this year and your St. Matthews home is your primary residence, please stop by to fill out a Homestead Exemption application. More good news: The exemption this year is \$23,100, up from \$18,400 in 1989.)

The council is also planning to reduce the city's business-license tax by about 50 percent this year.

## Councilman William O'Connell dies after surgery at age 79

St. Matthews councilman William John O'Connell Sr., 79, died on July 11 at Baptist Hospital East, of complications of vascular surgery.

O'Connell, a native of Chicago, was a retired regional sales manager for Diamond Crystal Salt Co., where he worked for 38 years. He had been a council member since 1985. His speech had been impaired by the effects of a stroke, and in recent months he had used a wheelchair.

During the July 11 meeting of the council, Mayor Art Draut described O'Connell as a good friend and a loyal city servant who was known for his solid business sense and his faithful attendance at council meetings.

O'Connell was a co-founder and first president of the Trinity High School Boosters Association and a former board member of the St. Joseph Orphan Society. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion Zachary Taylor Post. He is survived by his wife, the former Anne-Marie Georgot, five sons, two daughters, 15 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

The council has 30 days from O'Connell's death to appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the November election. Anyone interested in running for the council post has until 4 p.m. on Aug. 8 to file with the Jefferson County Board of Elections.

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## Fitzgerald attains rank of sergeant

St. Matthews police officer Bill Fitzgerald, twice the department's Officer of the Year, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Fitzgerald has been with the department since October 1986, when he was hired as a dispatcher.

He is a graduate of Louisville Central High School and of Eastern Kentucky University's police basic-training program. He also has a bachelor of science degree in police administration from the University of Louisville.

Fitzgerald was named St. Matthews Officer of the Year in 1988 and again last year, when he shared the honor for his service during a hostage situation.

Fitzgerald and his wife, Mary, have one child.



## Mulch ado about a newsletter error

Our last newsletter included an announcement that the Works Department had bought a new limb mulcher to help with the cleaning up of fallen branches that are too big for garbage collectors to pick up. That was correct, as far as it went.

However, we failed to make clear that this service is available only for cleaning up limbs and branches that have fallen on city rights-of-way.

Sorry if we misled you.

**St. Matthews a Wonderful Place to live!!**

## Recycling:

St. Matthews residents have kept more than 356,520 pounds of garbage out of area landfills in just the first four months of this year.

Keep up the good work.

Recycling is good today for a better tomorrow.

What to recycle:

### Newspapers.

No magazines or glossy paper. (Keep newspapers as dry as possible.)

**Glass bottles and jars.** (No window glass, light bulbs, dishware, etc.)

### Tin cans.

**Aluminum cans.** (No aluminum foil, pie tins, etc.)

**Plastic bottles and jugs.** (Remove lids.)



## What goes around stops coming around

Materials for recycling are picked up the same day as regular trash. Place container at street curb.

Laidlaw is now picking up "white goods" (discarded washers, dryers, stoves and refrigerators) for recycling at no charge. The company also drains and recycles freon from refrigerators. (In the past, there was a \$10 charge for picking up and disposing of such items, and freon had to be removed at the homeowners' expense.)

Place white goods at the curb on the second Wednesday of every month.

If you have any questions about recycling, call Laidlaw Waste Systems at 451-9905.

## 'Sampling St. Matthews' was most successful ever

The third annual "Sampling St. Matthews" exhibition, held on June 22 in Trinity High School's Alumni Hall, was the biggest and best yet, with about 100 businesses showcasing their wares for more than 1,000 visitors, according to Linda Leffert, coordinator of the St. Matthews Area Business Association (SMABA).

The one-day exposition, sponsored by the association, gives local business men and women a chance to spotlight their goods and services and distribute free samples, while members of the public enjoy free food and drinks and also have a shot at fabulous door prizes contributed by area businesses.

Thanks to one and all for making the event such a big success.

## Fire department contributes \$33,000 for volunteers

The St. Matthews Fire District voted at its regular meeting on June 8 to give \$33,000 to a program that helps retired volunteer firemen.

The station makes an annual donation to the Voluntary Fireman's Insurance Service, which allocates funds for volunteer firefighters and is similar to a retirement fund. A firefighter becomes eligible after 10 years of service, and receives the money after retirement. For every year of service over 10 years, each eligible firefighter receives \$30 more per month.

# Green up those pull-offs

There's a new city service:

We'd be more than happy to remove your gravel or asphalt pull-off on the right-of-way, and replace it with grass sod. These photographs show what a difference that can make. If you're interested, just call City Hall: 895-9444.



## St. Matthews/Eline Library has a hot summer program, new reference librarian

The St. Matthews/Eline Library is splashing into summer with great reads and entertaining programs. This year's children's summer-reading program, "Reading: Passport to Adventure," features great prizes, special entertainment and craft programs.

The incentive program will continue through Aug. 11. We also are bringing back the Parents and Tots storytime for 2-year-olds on Tuesday mornings at 10. Preschool storytime will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., and Family Storytime will continue on Thursday evenings at 7.

We also hope our patrons will come in and meet our new Reference Librarian, Mary Eileen Sandmann, who earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Remember, the St. Matthews/

Eline Branch book-discussion group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in a second-floor meeting room. Copies of the chosen titles are available at the branch a month before the discussion. Read the book, bring a friend and share your ideas!

**Aug. 3:** *A Long Walk to Freedom*, by Nelson Mandela

**Sept. 7:** *Unredeemed Capture: A Family Story from Early America*, by John Demos

Finally, a big thanks to some of our group donors: St. Matthews Lions Club, St. Matthews Kiwanis Club, Coachgate Book Club and Graymoor Women's Club. We have these generous folks to thank for many of our new titles.

For additional information, call us at 574-1771.

## Trolleys to run till end of August

Catch a free ride every hour from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays through the end of August.

Stops on the North route are: Bacons/The Mall; Blenheim/Hubbards; Shelbyville/Breckenridge; Kroger; Westport/Girard; LaGrange/Shelbyville; Bacons/The Mall.

The South stops: Bacons/The Mall; Shelbyville/Breckenridge; Macon/Hycliffe; Kresge/Breckenridge; Dupont Circle/Dutchmans Lane; Bacons/The Mall.

The trolley service is co-sponsored by the city and the St. Matthews Area Business Association.



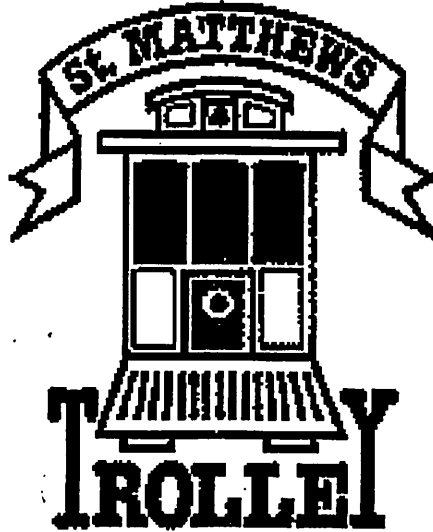
## St. MAM has a new home

St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) has moved into new facilities at Beechwood Baptist Church, 201 Biltmore Road.

The offices and church are in Beechwood Village, directly across from the Shelbyville Road Plaza. The church has made available about 1,500 square feet of space, allowing for a consolidation of Family & Youth Services with the Central Program Office, bringing the working staff of St. MAM together in one location. Savings in rent and utilities at the former Chenoweth office will go back into direct program services, according to executive director Dan G. Lane.

St. MAM's plans include a week-long open house during which citizens will be welcome to visit and tour the new offices. In addition, plans tentatively include a dedicatory service, a minister's brunch and a round-table discussion. Watch *The Voice-Tribune* for details.

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### The Bridges of St. Matthews

The Bowling Blvd. Bridge will open in August, at that time the Sherburn Ln. bridge will be closed for approximately 6 weeks for reconstruction.

## Good Neighboring

**Trim those bushes :** We at City Hall have had a number of calls lately about trees and bushes protruding into sidewalks. It's the responsibility of the homeowners to see that the walks are kept clear. Get out your trimmers.

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

**Don't be trashy :** 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.

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

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