



# St. Matthews Living

City of St. Matthews  
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FEBRUARY 2015

## Tonini takes the reins as St. Matthews mayor



*Richard J. Tonini, former councilman, was voted in as St. Matthews fifth mayor.*

On Jan. 1, Bernard Bowling transferred the mayoral mantle to Richard J. Tonini. With 30 years of experience on the St. Matthews City Council, Tonini brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job.

As mayor, Tonini plans to meet privately with each city employee to discover their thoughts about the city and what ideas they may have for improvement. "Our constituency receives exceptionally good services, and we offer very low property taxes," said Tonini. "I plan to push our

employees and managers to give the very best service we can."

Tonini has lived in St. Matthews for 57 years and has served the city as a volunteer firefighter, Tax Assessor, City Treasurer, councilman, and chairman of the Police Steering Committee. He has served on the Tax Equalization Board, the Board of Trustees for St. Matthews Fire District, and was a member and chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Adjustment for 20 years. He is the co-owner of Tonini Church Supply Company, and he and his wife Denise have two children, Lauren (deceased) and Allison.

Bowling, a councilman for 22 years previous to his eight-year stint as mayor, will return to that role to have more time to spend with his family. "The office of mayor is supposed to be a part-time job, but it's really more than that," he said, laughing.

Tonini is happy that Bowling will remain at

city hall as a councilman. "I have known Mayor Bowling almost my whole life," said Tonini. "I have worked closely with him and with Mayor Draut before him. Mayor Draut was around for Bernie and Bernie will be around for me."

Regarding Tonini's inauguration, Bowling commented, "He's got the city in his heart, and that's what it takes – someone who cares about the city and not the title. I wouldn't have stepped down if I didn't feel he would do a great job."



*As a couple, Rick and Denise Tonini have been an integral part of St. Matthews for nearly 40 years.*

## A Message From...

Results of the 2014 annual city audit revealed an overall increase of \$1,000,000 in the city's net position.

The audit, conducted by Don Lawson, David May, and Kris Moore of Stephens and

Lawson PSC, resulted in a clean opinion indicating no malfeasance or mismanagement of public funds. Lawson complimented St. Matthews council members on being very good stewards of public

monies. Specifically, revenue was greater than the anticipated amount and expenses came in slightly under budget, accounting for the increase in the city's net position.

## New city website up and running



A new website has been launched to provide residents and city visitors with accessibility to city government at their fingertips. Website visitors will find answers to their

questions, including those concerning city parks and reserving park pavilions and other points of interest in the city.

Businesses have the ability to download forms and learn

what is required to run their operation in St. Matthews.

Interested in city ordinances, newsletters, or meeting minutes? Not sure who your city, metro, state, and federal representatives are? All of this and much more can be easily found on the new site.

Explore the new website and use the Contact Us page to let us know what you think.

## Hometown History - 1910

*Our new Hometown History feature allows us to remember our city when it looked a lot different. Do you know where this picture was taken in St. Matthews? What business is located on this spot now? See p. 11 to solve this issue's Hometown History mystery.*



**Louisville Gas & Electric**

**502-589-1444**

Fast path options are: 1-1-1 (gas) and 1-1-2 (electric).

**Emergency  
Contact  
Numbers**

**Louisville Water Company**

**502-583-6610**

To report emergencies like water main breaks or broken fire hydrants.

# Easy Being Green

## Radon protection



Radon levels can soar during the colder months when residents keep windows closed and spend more time indoors. As many as 22,000 people die from lung cancer each year in the United States from exposure to indoor radon.

The Environmental Protection Agency urges Americans to test

their homes for one of the leading causes of lung cancer in the country, indoor radon gas. Approximately one home in 15 across the nation has unacceptably high radon levels; in some areas of the country, as many as one out of two homes has high levels.

The EPA recommends that you test for radon and follow recommended fixes if your radon level is 4 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher. Radon

levels less than 4 pCi/L still pose a risk, and in many cases may be reduced.

For more information about radon testing, call EPA's hotline at 800-SOS-RADON or visit their website at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-winter.htm>.

For a free kit to test your radon, contact the Kentucky Radon Program at 502-564-4856 or email [clay.hardwick@ky.gov](mailto:clay.hardwick@ky.gov).



**Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as trash on weeks highlighted in red. Holidays are marked in blue and will delay recycling and/trash one day.**

### February 2015

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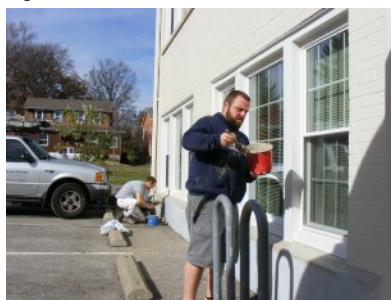
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## Paint job gives City Hall facelift

If you think St. Matthews City Hall looks different but you can't quite put your finger on it, you are not imagining things. A new coat of paint has the 95 year old building looking like it's just stepped out of a salon.

In August and September, the gray paint that had covered the building for 17 years was power



washed and chipped off by hand. The concrete was also power

washed, and masonry repair work was done. In October, professional painters applied primer and painted the building cream with tan trim and black accents.

City Clerk Susan Clark said the city has received multiple calls complimenting the facelift. If you haven't seen it, drive by and take a look.

# Police Beat

## Prescription drug box update

By mid-January 2015, just six months after being installed, 750 pounds of drugs had been collected in the prescription drug disposal box, located in the City Hall building near the police



department. Collecting these drugs protects the environment and keeps them out of

the hands of children, teens, and others who should not have access to them.

Prescription drug drop-off hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please ensure your deposit does not include liquid medicines, needles, or inhalers.

## SRT report

The St. Matthews Police Special Response Team was activated 17 times in 2014. Those responses included 11 high risk search warrants, four protests or possible protests, a major crime, and a multi-agency training event at a local school.

## How-to for traffic accidents

When you need police assistance after a traffic accident, call 893-9000 and be prepared to give your name, location, description of any injuries, and description of the vehicles involved. Always request an accident report for your insurance company unless the damage is so minor that you don't want it repaired.

You can now get the accident report online from [buycrash.com](http://buycrash.com). The responding officer will give you a card with the information needed to retrieve your report.

# Park Place

## Community Park

Community Park's marvelous makeover continues to unfold. As part of a multi-year capital improvement program by the city, the park, located on Ten Pin Lane, is getting an upgrade to the main entrance and parking lot. A new sidewalk will link Ten Pin Lane at Shelbyville Road to the main park entrance by the newly finished restrooms and concession stand.

Drainage improvements as well as new landscaping are planned for the east side of the road. The main parking lot is being reworked to

facilitate more parking spaces and will be brought up to newer parking standards. The main construction work is going very well because of the mild weather in January and is planned to be ready for the opening of the 2015 St. Matthews Little League baseball season.

Final work remains to be done on the back section of the park.



Design work is almost finished for the stream restoration work that will be started later this summer on the small tributary that runs through the park and flows into Beargrass Creek.

## Warwick Park

Work to install a new playground for younger children continues at Warwick Park. Drainage improvements and new landscaping are also planned with work scheduled to be completed by the beginning of summer. The City of St. Matthews and former Metro Councilman Ken Flemings' office made matching funds available so the project could move forward.



## Crime Buzz

### Personal information

Residents should take care to avoid releasing personal information when using online trading services like Craigslist. In addition to identity theft, some criminals will attempt to get your home address to come burglarize the home or rob the resident.

### Bank account scam

A current, common scam involves a person contacting you to request that you deposit one of their checks in your bank account and withdraw that same amount for them. As their thanks for this "service," they offer to give you part of the money. This is always a scam since their check is not real.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it is.

### Attention business owners

SMPD has recently responded to several burglar alarm calls. As a result, SMPD is requesting that all businesses contact the police department at 893-9000 to update their emergency contacts.



### ID This Person

Check out IDthisperson.

com to help identify criminals anonymously. You may receive a \$25 reward. New images are posted every day of unidentified suspects.

### Free house watch

St. Matthews Police Department provides free house watches for residents during vacations and other times they must be away from home. Just telephone SMPD at 893-9000 to schedule.

### SMPD Anonymous Tip Line

If you have seen something suspicious, you can alert the police anonymously by calling 498-CLUE (2583), Option 1. To report a crime in progress, call SMPD directly at 893-9000. You do not have to give your name.

## Code Words

If the long Indian summer kept you from doing so earlier, please remember to store campers, boats and trailers for the winter. City Code section 78.09, "Parking of boats, trailers, and RVs", explains what is permissible when storing these vehicles.

For those who have parked other vehicles in front or back yards to make room for recreational vehicles during the warmer season, it should be noted that the only place on a

residential lot that any vehicle may be parked outside is in the driveway or in the parking lot of an apartment building. No vehicle may be parked in the grass between a house and the street. For those who live on a corner lot, this applies to both streets.

Where parking is allowed on the street, the vehicle must be parked parallel to and within the bounds of the curb or edge of pavement and facing in the same direction as the traffic.

To read these codes in their entirety, go to the Government tab on the [stmatthewsky.gov](http://stmatthewsky.gov) website and click on "Ordinances." You will find the information under Title VII, section 78 (Parking Regulations).



## JCLC meetings open to public

Jefferson County League of Cities, a not-for-profit organization established to serve the goals and interests of more than 80 incorporated cities within Jefferson County, would like county residents to know its monthly meetings are open to the public. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the second floor community room of Central Bank Hurstbourne, located at 9300 Shelbyville Road. Speakers and program topics focus on priority issues for Jefferson County cities and can be found at [jeffersoncountyleagueofcities.com](http://jeffersoncountyleagueofcities.com).

## December council a night for awards



The Dec. 9, 2014, city council meeting was a time for celebration and presentations.

From top left, going clockwise: Councilman Rick Tonini unveils a portrait of Mayor Bowling to be displayed on the Wall of Mayors in the city council chambers of City Hall; Andy and Ken Draut

accept a plaque on behalf of their father, Arthur K. Draut, for his service to the city; Police Chief Norm Mayer presents a plaque to Mayor Bowling on behalf of the St. Matthews Police Department; former District 7 Metro Councilman Ken Fleming presents a

proclamation to Mayor Bowling; City of St. Matthews first ladies Mrs. Denise Tonini, Mrs. Mary Bowling (Bernard Bowling, Jr.), and Mrs. Jane Bowling (Bernard Bowling, Sr.) enjoy the festivities; and Councilman Mary Jo Nay presents Mayor Bowling with a gavel plaque.



## Hot Off the Press

### New fire engine purchased

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District purchased a new fire engine to replace a 1993 model that was sold last summer. Designated Engine 2636, the truck was purchased in November from EONE Fire Apparatus in Ocala, FL, and carries 500 gallons of water, rescue tools, medical equipment, and an automated external defibrillator (AED).

The new fire engine was placed into service at Station #1 on Sears Avenue, which is staffed by four career firefighter/EMTs 24 hours a day.



### Harrods Creek, St. Matthews collaborate

If you see a big red pickup driving around St. Matthews you might be wondering if the Harrods Creek Fire Districts Battalion Chief is lost. Upon closer observation, you will notice that the truck is actually lettered for both Harrods Creek and St. Matthews Fire Districts. Since fall of 2013, both fire districts have been working and training together. To cover the three-day rotation, St. Matthews provides two battalion chiefs and Harrods Creek provides one. This work rotation allows a

chief officer to be on duty 24 hours a day to command emergency scenes and provide personnel management.

In January of 2014 Harrods



Creek moved a paramedic fire engine into St. Matthews Fire Station #2 at the corner of Hubbard's Lane and Brownsboro Road. The relocation of this engine allows for a faster response to the areas in Harrods Creek that are in the western sections of its fire district as well as the northern section of the St. Matthews District. While the Harrods Creek firefighters use their paramedic engine to respond to calls in the aforementioned sectors, St. Matthews firefighters use a 100-foot ladder truck to respond to other sectors in St. Matthews.

## Eline Library: Check it out



**Mar. 10, 4:00 p.m.**

Shakespeare's famous characters are brought to life in this magical

two-person performance of *The Tempest*. The audience will be engaged with professional actors in a creative performance that focuses on the importance of leadership, teamwork, and conflict resolution. All ages welcome.

**Mar. 31, 2:30 p.m.**

Mildred and Patty Hill, Susan Look Avery, Mary T. Meagher, and Tori Murden McClure are just a few of the legendary women of Louisville who will be the focus of a discussion by local architect and historian Steve Wiser.

**Apr. 16, 2:30 p.m.**

Join local author Kevin Gibson as he discusses the history of beer in Louisville.



**First Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

Family Storytime, with varying themes, is held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.



For more information on many more library programs and classes, visit <http://www.lfpl.org>.

# Seasons Greetings

## St. Matthews Baseball and Softball



Bryce Dreher swings away during a little league baseball game.

Games for the 2015 season of St. Matthews baseball and

softball begin Apr. 14 for ages 4-12. The opening day parade will be held Apr. 18 at 8:30 a.m., departing from St. Matthews Baptist Church and concluding at St. Matthews Community Center. Picture day is Apr. 25.

The organization still needs umpires, scorekeepers, and concession workers, ages 14

and up. Training will be provided for these paid positions. For umpires positions, contact Wayne Kraus at 777-1617; for scorekeeper positions, Dick Farmer at richardfarmer4@gmail.com; and for concessions worker positions and any other information, stmatthewsballpark@yahoo.com.

## Beargrass Historical Society

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon**

The Historical Society is collaborating with John Finding and Tom Morton to assemble stories and photos for their project, *Images of America: Louisville's St. Matthews*. They are available each Wednesday,

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Historical Society room on the second floor of City Hall. During these times they welcome interested persons to bring questions, answers, and materials to be scanned. Contact Tom Morton at

tmorton307@hotmail.com or 396-9406.

**Feb. 8, 2 p.m.**

A meeting will be held concerning the *Images of America: Louisville's St. Matthews* project.

## Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

**Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m.**

The Society's annual symposium, *The President's Executive Power: When Is It Constitutional?*, will be held at Bellarmine University in the Brown Center/Frazier Hall. The symposium will be moderated by Aaron D. Hoffman, Associate Professor of Political Science at Bellarmine, and is supported by several campus organizations.

For the balance of the year, the Society will meet the third Saturday of each month in the second floor meeting room of

the St. Matthews/Eline Library at 10:30 a.m. All meetings are free and open to the public.

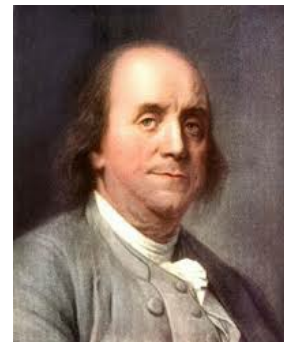
**Mar. 21**

Dr. William Nash will review *John Quincy Adams*, written by Fred Kaplan. One of our most overlooked presidents, John Quincy Adams was a leader of sweeping perspective. His progressive values helped shape the course of the nation.

**Apr. 18**

Jack Bramer will speak on *Ben Franklin and the 1754 Plan of Union*. The Albany Plan of

Union was a proposal to create a unified government for the 13 colonies. The plan was suggested by Ben Franklin, then a senior leader and delegate from Pennsylvania, at the Albany Congress of July 1754.





## The Woman's Club of St. Matthews



Membership is open for the Woman's Club of St. Matthews, which funds various community projects, provides scholarships, and enjoys social events and educational programs. For more information, check the website at [wasm.org](http://wasm.org) or call Fran Evola, President, at 445-3040. All programs are free of charge and are held at 11 a.m. at the St. Matthews Community Center with a \$5.00 optional lunch following the program.

### Feb. 3, 11 a.m.

A Kentucky Refugee Ministries representative will speak about the non-profit organization dedicated to providing

resettlement services to refugees.

### Mar. 23

The speaker topic is the role education plays in helping citizens become active, useful members of society.

### Apr. 27

The speaker will provide information about organ and tissue donation in Kentucky.

## Scholarship for 2015 high school senior

Graduating seniors currently attending Waggener, Trinity, Sacred Heart, Ballard, or Waldon may apply for one of five \$2,500 scholarships being awarded by the Woman's Club of St.

Matthews. The application deadline is Apr. 17. For more information and to access application forms, visit [wasm.org](http://wasm.org).

## Scholarship for adult woman

Adult women who are residents of St. Matthews and are returning to school for the first time or after an absence of years may apply for a \$5,000 scholarship. The application deadline is Apr. 17. For more information and to access application forms, visit [wasm.org](http://wasm.org).



## Good Neighboring

### Disposal containers

Garbage and recycling containers should not be set out until 5 p.m. the day before pickup, and containers should be put away the same day they are emptied. Ensure all garbage cans have lids. During snow events or when sidewalks are icy, garbage cans should be set out at the street.



services, then option 2 again. Leave a message with the exact location of the pot hole.

### Snow removal

When it snows, remove cars or other obstructions from the streets so that Works Department snowplow drivers can get through to clear snow and treat streets.



### Pot hole reporting

To report a pot hole that needs filling, you may dial the Call St. Matthews System at 498-CALL (2255) and select option 2 for

### Turn off your ignition

Don't leave your vehicle running while you're not in it. It's illegal, wastes precious fuel, pollutes the air, and makes your vehicle an easy target for thieves.

### Street lights

Let's remember our younger citizens who are crossing streets and waiting on corners for school buses in darkening hours. To report an out-of-service street light or one that burns all day, phone the Call St. Matthews line at 638-4STM (4786) and select option2, then option 4.

# Your Works at Work

## Construction

Construction crew projects over the past few months have included sinkhole repairs on Alton Road, Colonial Drive, and Norbourne Blvd.; catch basin and drainage pipe installment on Bauer



Avenue and Elmwood Court; drainage repairs on Primrose Drive and Staebler Avenue; and installing bench swings in Warwick Park. The crew also investigated damage by an LG&E contractor to a large pipe along Browns Lane and prepared the right-of-way for a drainage project scheduled for spring 2015 on Williamsburg Court. Major work was performed on Winchester Road between Browns Lane and Del Ray, including completing drainage improvements, pouring driveway aprons, resurfacing the street, and placing sod as weather permitted.

## Works

The Works crew also had its hands full. Projects included removing trash and other debris from creek banks and removing graffiti from Arthur K. Draut Park, removing trash and other debris from creek banks in Brown Park, and opening up a drainage ditch and sodding a ditch on Trinity Hills Lane. The crew transplanted bushes from a construction area to a site around the patio at the Community Center

and to a land-scaped area in Warwick Park. The crew also cleaned graffiti from signs, sidewalks, light poles, and streets in the Fairmeade area and from a city maintenance building on Thierman Lane. Finally, the crew installed and removed Christmas lights from Holzheimer Park at the corner of Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane and on Ten Pin Lane.

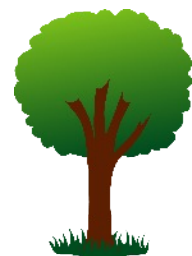


## General

General crews converted the leaf pickup vehicles for snow treatment, planted winter pansies at City Hall and in Brown Park, and winterized bathrooms at Community Park. In November they began the city leaf pickup program and snow treatment. They also repaired the retaining wall at the corner of Brown Park and the Baptist Health entrance, due to a traffic accident, and patched potholes.

### Get a Free Tree

Residents may request a free tree to be planted along the front of their property by calling City Hall at 895-9444 or filling out the Contact Us form on the city's website at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov). Over 1,600 trees have been planted with the species varying each year.



## KY Attorney General provides consumer protection

The Kentucky Consumer Protection Act protects Kentucky from “unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practice in trade or commerce.” The Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection enforces the Act by bringing lawsuits in the public interest in a range of matters including

but not limited to automobile sales, telemarketing sales including the Do-Not-Call list, business opportunities, charitable solicitations, debt collection, truth in lending, privacy, recreation and retirement land sales, Internet sales, pharmaceutical drugs, and for-profit schools.

The Office of Consumer Protection also helps resolve individual consumer transaction complaints and provides educational programs to community groups concerning scam artists and being better consumers.

For more information, contact them at 429-7134.

## Hometown History - 2015

### THEN

*Heskamp & Bauer Wagon Manufacturers, 1910. According to St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass by Samuel W. Thomas, “An advertisement in The Jeffersonian, February 17, 1910, read, ‘Heskamp & Bauer, St. Matthews, Ky., Blacksmiths & Wagon Makers, Rubber Tires a Specialty. Manufacturers of all styles of Buggies . . . Spring, Platform, Farm and Light Family Wagons and Road Carts. Also*



*Horse Shoeing and Repairing done in the best manner.’ The structure was ‘unroofed and. . . decorated with tarpaulin covering’ following a violent storm in 1912.”*

### NOW

*St. Matthews Car Wash and Michel Tire Plus at 108 and 116 Chenoweth Lane, respectively.*



*VP Joey Porter and Coach Bob Beatty proudly display their street sign as 2014 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> time Trinity High School Football has won the state championship.*



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State  
Championship**



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**City Council**

Bernard Bowling

Frank Flynn

Tim Holland

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

Martha Schade

Tony Weiter

Patrick Wissing

**Council meetings begin at 7 p.m. on  
the second and fourth Tuesday of  
each month.**

City Council meeting minutes are  
online at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov).

**E-CONNECTION**

To submit your email address to  
receive important St. Matthews  
updates, visit the city website at  
[www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov) or call city  
offices. Email addresses will not be  
shared with other parties.

**Need to know?**

Call St. Matthews

Automated Service

24/7 Information Line

**638-4STM (4786)**

Administration Press 1

Services Press 2

News Press 3

Police Press 4

**Government Access**

City Hall Office: 895-9444

Code Enforcement: 899-2512

Police Department: 893-9000

City Engineer: 899-2518

Property Taxes: 899-2511

Police Records: 899-2537

**Anonymous Tip Line:**  
**498-CLUE**  
**(2583)**

**Emergency: 911**