



St. Matthews Living

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FEBRUARY 2017

Former FBI agent appointed Assistant Police Chief

Returning to St. Matthews as Assistant Chief of Police has brought Major David Beyer full circle. "It's a dream come true," said Beyer, whose family moved from Wisconsin to St. Matthews when he was 14. Beyer attended Waggener High School and earned a police administration degree from the University of Louisville before graduating from U of L's Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

It was the purchase of a police radio scanner when he lived in Norbourne Estates that first gave Beyer the law enforcement bug. As a lawyer, he assisted with representing the Jefferson County Police and also served as the Anchorage Fire Chief before joining

the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1985. As an agent and an attorney for the FBI, Beyer served in Oklahoma, Washington, D.C., and Kentucky. His assignments included white-collar and drug crimes, bank robberies, and SWAT team situations involving high-risk arrests and the threat of violence. In Louisville, Beyer served as FBI spokesperson and General Counsel.

One of his most interesting assignments in Louisville was the Rick Pitino/Karen Sypher case. "Ms. Sypher was convicted of lying to federal authorities, and I was the agent she lied to," he said.

Beyer retired from the FBI in 2011. He has served with the St. Matthews Police Department for

the last three years as their legal advisor and was appointed as Assistant Chief in October 2016. "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work for someone with as much experience as Chief Norm Mayer," he said. "With my appointment as Assistant Chief, I intend to continue his legacy."

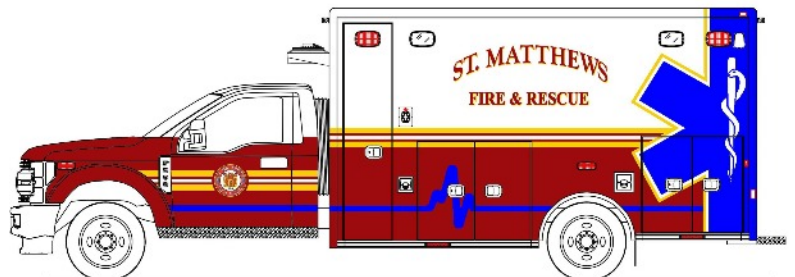
Part of that legacy includes leading by example to inspire officers and to support them as they keep the community safe. "One thing I believe in is professionalism," he said. "I have been proud of the agencies I have worked with and want to continue that professional pride in my leadership role with St. Matthews

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New ambulance service to City residents has begun

A plan to better serve the emergency needs of the City of St. Matthews was put in motion on Dec. 9 when two ambulances rolled out of St. Matthews fire stations. Shortly after an 8 a.m. christening ceremony and vehicle equipment check by paramedics and emergency medical technicians, both ambulances were dispatched on the first of many emergency calls for the day.

The need for an ambulance service was identified by Fire Chief William Seng and the Fire District's board of trustees in 2015. After a lengthy review process with the state of Kentucky, a certificate of need was approved.



To begin its new service, the Fire District borrowed one ambulance from Louisville EMS and one from the Lexington Fire Department. New 2017 ambulances are being detailed and will arrive this month.

A Message From...

City Council sworn in

All City Council members were re-elected in November and are eager to continue serving St. Matthews. At right, City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Clark swears in council members (left to right) Stuart Monohan, Tony Weiter, Tim Holland, Mary Jo Nay, Frank Flynn, Patrick Wissing, and Bernie Bowling. Member Martha Schade was sworn in later.



Register rental property by March 1

Effective March 1, 2017, all rental property located in Louisville Metro must be registered with Louisville Metro Government. Since St. Matthews is part of Louisville Metro, this ordinance applies

to owners of residential and business rental property in St. Matthews. Failure to register is subject to a fine up to \$100 per day per housing unit. Registration must include the rental unit street address along with current contact information of the owner and managing operator.

New owners must register within 30 days of any ownership transfer. Registration requires an account with Develop Louisville. Visit www.louisvilleky.gov/government/codes-regulations, to establish an account and access the registry.

Hometown History 1935

The photo at right was gleaned from the Digital Collections in the Archives and Special Collections at the University of Louisville. Where do you think the photo was taken? See page 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



Acceptable recyclables

Items currently being accepted in the St. Matthews recycling program are: plastic bottles, milk and juice jugs,

cartons, laundry detergent bottles, aluminum cans, steel and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, paperboard boxes, newspapers, flattened cardboard, paper bags, carrier stock (soda and beer cases), mail, magazines, mixed paper, and telephone books.

For more detailed information and to view a video of what happens to your recycling after it is picked up, go to stmatthewsky.gov/sanitation-recycling/ and click on “The Story of Rumpke.”

Hot Off the Press

The remodel of and addition to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Fire Station #2, located at the corner of Hubbard’s Lane and Brownsboro Road, are moving along. The interior living space for the firefighters is almost complete. The contractor is finishing the new kitchen, as well as painting and carpeting.

The new addition along Brownsboro Road, which will house a new ambulance, is now under roof and “dried in” so that

building materials are protected from the weather. This progress has allowed bricklayers and other

subcontractors to begin the finish work on the building. The station should be completed this spring,



and firefighters will move back in with all of their equipment as soon as possible.



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.

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Police Beat

SMPD starts Exchange Safe Zone program

The St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) has initiated a new program called the Exchange Safe Zone. This initiative works to address safety concerns regarding exchanges of cash and goods for Internet-based purchases from websites such as Craigslist and Facebook. It can also be utilized as a safe place for child custody exchange.

The Exchange Safe Zone is clearly marked in front of the St. Matthews Police station; it is well-lit and under video surveillance at all times. The Exchange Safe Zone is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While the Police Department will not always be able to provide an officer during these transactions, we believe this location will serve as a deterrent to those wanting to engage in criminal activity. If you have any questions about the Exchange Safe Zone, please contact the SMPD at 893-9000.



SMPD supports community-oriented policing

The phrase "community-

oriented policing" has become familiar to millions of citizens throughout the United States. The concept refers to a partnership between citizens and law enforcement agencies, where police officers engage the public to help prevent and solve crimes, and the public assists police to improve the safety and quality of their community. In communities where a true partnership exists, crime rates are usually reduced and the quality of life enhanced.

The St. Matthews Police Department fully supports community-oriented policing. As part of its community partnership, the SMPD provides enhanced services that larger departments may not have the resources to

provide. One of the enhanced services offered is providing officers to speak to civic groups or businesses about crime prevention tips and to help establish block watch programs.

A block watch is an organized group of

neighborhood residents who watch out for criminal and suspicious behavior, report it to the police, and share the information with neighbors. This strategy attempts to provide local law enforcement with additional eyes and ears to watch out for all types of criminal activity and promote neighborhood security. Recently, the SMPD has been able to prevent potential burglaries because concerned citizens called to report suspicious persons in their neighborhood. If you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch, contact St. Matthews Police Officer Troy Armstrong at Troy.Armstrong@stmatthewsky.gov.



Always report suspicious activity and crimes in progress directly to the SMPD at 893-9000 or dial 911. To provide information anonymously about a crime, call the SMPD Tip Line at 498-CLUE (2583).

Crime Buzz

Prevent crime at gyms

Have you joined a gym as part of your New Year’s resolution to become healthier? Add to your resolutions a commitment to crime prevention.

Theft is a crime of opportunity. Most stolen items have been left unattended in plain sight in a public place. If you go to the gym:

- Leave personal items of value at home or keep them on you at all times.
- Use a lock on your gym locker.
- Never leave your bags, purses, wallets, or any possessions unattended even for a moment.

- Be aware of your surroundings when you go to the parking lot and report suspicious activity.
- Keep a written record of valuables, including descriptions and serial numbers. These are proof that the property is yours, and they will help in the reporting and recovery process.
- Always report missing or stolen property immediately.

Neighborhood safety

- Stop signs and speed limits are not optional; observe all traffic signs.
- Keep cars locked, even in your own driveway. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your

vehicles. Don’t leave unlocked and unattended cars running in cold weather to defrost windows or heat the car.

- Given that it gets dark so early, keep porch lights on or turn on motion detectors to deter thieves and keep the area safe.

St. Matthews Police 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 the St. Matthew’s Police Department directly at 893-9000. You do not have to give your name.

Code Words

The City continues to receive reports regarding the obstruction of public sidewalks. Chapter 92.03 of the St. Matthews Code of Ordinances states, “No person, firm, or corporation shall be permitted to obstruct any sidewalk, alley or public way in any manner to prevent the free use thereof by pedestrians using sidewalks, or vehicles using the alley or public way.”

In other words, any object placed over a sidewalk—including any part of a vehicle—is a violation of this ordinance. The City appreciates that the majority of its residents

abide by this rule, but complaints about persons parking their vehicles in a manner that creates

violation of a federal law commonly referred to as the Americans with Disabilities Act. St.



Matthews has a very progressive program for upgrading and maintaining City sidewalks to bring the City into compliance with this federal law.

Likewise, we need every resident and household to comply with the laws that require the free, unobstructed use of the sidewalks within our City. Please remember when you park your car in any driveway

and block the sidewalk, you are not only being an inconsiderate neighbor, you are also breaking the law.

This is not only a violation of St. Matthews’ laws, but also a

City building project to break ground this spring

The existing site at 3940 Grandview Avenue is home to many of the City's public services, including a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. As the needs of the community have grown, so has the need for more space. A plan was put in motion last year to meet that need.

The overall scope of work for this building project includes

extensive renovation of the existing facility and an addition to house the majority of the library. Renovation work will include the HVAC system, plumbing, building controls, security system, selected ceilings and lights, windows, associated flooring, structural repair, and painting.

A new addition on the south side of the building will house the newly renovated library. Site improvements include creating a new access drive to allow for separate entrances for

small outdoor spaces for community use.

The purpose of the building additions and site improvements is to give each entity located here adequate space

for current functions and future growth. City Hall, the Police Department, and Eline Library will enjoy unique identities and spaces for use within the current property.

The design team is finalizing construction plans and anticipates soliciting bids soon.

The expectation is to



each service area; reorganization of existing parking, including a new porous paver lot for the library; and improved drainage and lighting across the whole site. The design also includes sidewalks for improved pedestrian circulation around the property and the creation of several

break ground sometime during the spring with construction lasting 15–17 months. The Library will showcase renderings of the proposed interior and exterior improvements in the upcoming weeks. Please stop in to see the exciting future our City is planning.

Norton Hospital requests volunteers



Norton Women's and Children's Hospital seeks volunteers to serve as "spotters" who will be key members of the hospital's

Reaching for Zero team. Volunteers will make rounds with a checklist throughout assigned areas in the St. Matthews facility to record and report safety or risk issues. Shifts are available Monday

through Friday, 8-11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and 3-6 p.m. If interested, contact Rita Ross at rita.ross@nortonhealthcare.org or 893-1229.

Your Works at Work



St. Matthews Public Works crews proclaimed 2016 the Year of the Leaf as they seemed to cling tenaciously to

the trees and would not fall! The crews did their best to pick up leaves for all those residents who called before preparing the trucks for winter weather.

Since November, the following projects have been completed or are in process:

Completed Projects

- Leaf collection complete. Public Works crews made as many passes as possible and did our best to pick up all of those who called in a timely manner. The trend of warmer than normal autumn weather may cause us to adjust our leaf collection schedule next year.
- Storm debris removed throughout the City from multiple storms
- Patched pot holes on many City streets

- Cut back plantings for the winter and trimmed throughout the City and various parks
- Winterized the irrigation lines for City parks and baseball fields and removed all backflow preventers
- Began a storm drainage project along Oechsli Avenue and behind a few houses on Brown Avenue
- Paved the alley between Browns Lane and Sherrin and the alley between Iola and Oxford
- Landscaped the entrances to Springhill Road at Browns Lane and Breckenridge
- Worked with MSD and Metro on spot drainage improvement on Wendover Avenue

Current Projects

- The City operates a comprehensive snow removal program. After a significant snowfall, City streets are cleared and salted. For smaller snow events, in an effort to be fiscally responsible, the City will only salt intersections. All major roads – Shelbyville, Westport, Hubbards, Browns

Lane, Bowling, and Breckenridge – are the responsibility of Metro and the state.

- Spot drainage improvements on Wiltshire and Iola
- Working with MSD to finalize plans on a drainage project between Kentucky and Washburn

Future Projects

- Annual City-wide tree planting within rights-of-way and public parks. If you would like to have a tree planted in the right-of-way in front of your property, call City Hall at 895-9444.
- Roadway improvements to Stonehenge
- Spot drainage improvements on Winchester, Hycliffe, and Breckenridge
- Phased street sign replacement throughout the City, starting in the Springlee area
- Possible road widening of Primrose from Dellridge to Westport
- Improvements to City Hall and the Eline Library

Trinity High wins state football championship



City Council Member Stuart Monohan (right) presents a sign to Trinity Football Coach Bob Beatty on behalf of the City of St. Matthews to commemorate the high school's 24th state football championship in December.

With the Shamrock's 56-21 victory over Lexington's Lafayette Generals, Beatty became the first coach in state history to win 12 state titles.

The sign will be posted in front of the school on Shelbyville Road.

Season's Greetings

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

All meetings of the AHHS are open to the public. The society meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month on the second floor of the St.

Matthews–Eline Library, 3940 Grandview Ave. (in St. Matthews City Hall). One exception to this is the month of February when the society meets at Bellarmine University for its annual Symposium.

Feb. 25

“Hamilton: An American Musical” will be the theme of the AHHS annual symposium at 10:30 a.m. at Bellarmine

University’s Cralle Theatre. Dr. Aaron Hoffman will lead a panel discussion on the constitutional, cultural, political, and educational impact of the musical, and the historical accuracy of the production. The panelists will be Bethany Morse, Librarian; Tara Anderson,



Contributing Editor, 89.3 WFPL; Janelle Hunnicutt, Co-Artistic Director, Smoked Apple Theater Group; and Eugene J. Halus, Jr., Director

of Education, Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

Mar. 18

Dr. Patricia Dillon, Associate Professor of History at Spalding University, will review *The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789* by Joseph J. Ellis.

Apr. 15

Jack Brammer, AHHS member and a reporter for *The Lexington Herald-Leader*, will review *Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

The Woman’s Club of St. Matthews



The Woman’s Club of St. Matthews meets at the St. Matthews Community Center on the second and fourth Mondays from September through May at 11:00 a.m. For more than 75 years the

purpose of the Woman’s club has been to promote social, charitable, educational, and cultural activities, and to foster community improvement.

The club welcomes any woman who wants an

opportunity to exchange ideas and form life-long friendships through learning and serving the welfare of children, senior citizens, and the community. Contact Beverly Potts for more information at 896-6575.

St. Matthews Baseball and Softball



St. Matthews Baseball and Softball is looking forward to another season. Online registration will continue at www.stmatthewsbaseballandsoftball.com until the beginning of March. The 2017 season will

begin Mar. 20 for ages 10 to 12 and on Apr. 10 for those 9 and under.

A longstanding tradition for St. Matthews Baseball and Softball is the opening parade. The parade this year is scheduled for Apr. 22 starting at 8:00 a.m. It will begin on Shelbyville Road at Willis

Avenue and end at St. Matthews Community Center Park with a short ceremony.

If you want to enjoy a fun evening watching youth baseball, stop by Community Center Park and catch a game. Games begin on weekdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays generally at 10:00 a.m.

Park Place

The City of St. Matthews is removing dozens of ash trees, killed by the emerald ash borer, from its four city parks and along certain roads. A few trees have been identified as healthy enough to survive and are being treated by an arborist. Ash trees are primarily treated by direct injection into the tree or soil drench with an insecticide.

All existing ash trees in the median of Bowling Boulevard will be removed throughout the winter and replaced with red bud and dogwood trees.

Since its accidental introduction into the United States and Canada in the 1990s, and its subsequent detection in 2002 in Michigan, the emerald ash borer has spread to other parts of North America. It is

suspected that it was introduced from overseas in shipping materials such as packing crates.



Good Neighboring

Winter neighbors

When it snows, please remove all vehicles or other obstructions from the streets so that the Works Department snowplow drivers can get through. Be a good neighbor and clear snowy sidewalks.

Disposal containers

During snow events or when sidewalks are icy, St. Matthews residents must carry garbage cans out to the street for pickup.

Disposal containers should not be set out until 5:00 p.m. the day before pickup, and containers should be put away the same day they are emptied. Please ensure all disposal containers have lids.

Pothole reporting

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

Leave a message with the exact location of the pothole.

Street lights

Working street lights are especially important now that kids are crossing streets and waiting on corners for school buses in the dark. To report an out-of-service street light or one that burns all day, telephone the Call St. Matthews line at 638-4STM (4786) and select option 2, then option 4.

Eline Library: Check it out

Feb. 4/Mar. 4, 10:30 a.m.

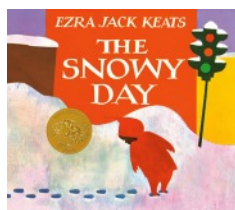
ACT Basics

Students, grades 7-12, may call 574-1771 to register.

Feb. 13/Mar. 13, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime: Animated!

Children, ages 2-5, will view a short, animated version of a picture book followed by an



activity and a craft. The February title is *Snowy Day* by Jack Ezra Keats.

Feb. 21/Mar. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Teen Trivia

Teens, ages 12-18, are invited to test their trivia knowledge.

Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m.

Tweens Art Workshop

A hands-on art workshop will be held for tweens, ages 8-12; prepare to get messy!



Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m.

Muhammad

Ali: Life, Advocacy, & Legacy

Learn from the Education Team of the Muhammad

Ali Center about the life of the late boxing legend, and how his legacy continues.



Assistant Police Chief appointed

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by ensuring professionalism in training, performance, and in appearance. And that includes ethical behavior.”

Another pillar of his work has been to engage the public in helping law enforcement. “If we work together, we can accomplish our mutual goal of having a safe community,” said Beyer. “St. Matthews is known as a safe and peaceful community, and we want to keep it that way.”

One of the ways the SMPD intends to ensure community safety is through a program known as Warrant Detail. “When arrest warrants have been taken out against persons, we will assign a specific detail to find them and make sure they are prosecuted,” said Beyer.

He noted the department is also discussing creating a community resource officer position. Much like SMPD School Resource Officer Troy Armstrong’s role at Waggener High School, that person will spearhead police efforts to foster community relationships. “When I moved here

from Wisconsin in 1969, busing had not yet begun,” said Beyer. “Now Waggener is a much more diverse high school – as is our community. Officer Armstrong works well there to show kids we are not the bad guys and are here to keep them safe. I laud Chief Mayer because he was the first to create that position in



Major David Beyer (left) and St. Matthews Chief of Police Norm Mayer shake hands upon Beyer's appointment as SMPD's Assistant Police Chief.

Kentucky.”

Beyer said it is important for the community to know that the SMPD stresses treating everyone the same, no matter what their skin color is or their status in the community. “Chief Mayer has set an example through hiring diversity, and I fully intend to follow that example,” he said.

The SMPD is also in touch with the plight of the mentally ill in the community. A large majority of SMPD officers have gone through critical intervention training to deal with people who have emotional issues. The training stresses using less force or no force at all. Depending on the situation, an officer may call a family member to help, refer the person to a hospital for an emergency assessment, or get the person in touch with other resources. “One of the things I like to do is ride with the officers,” said Beyer. “On one such ride the officers found a homeless man who could have been charged with a crime. Instead of arresting him, they took him to a homeless shelter. I was impressed by that.”

Beyer has two sons – one a psychologist with the Veteran’s Administration and the other an FBI agent in Texas. When he isn’t at work, Beyer enjoys personal fitness, including biking, running, and lifting weights. “I’d have to say fitness is a passion of mine,” he said. His other passion is giving back to the community. “I’m very excited to be serving in St. Matthews and to have come full circle to the place that started me on this journey.”

Free paper shredding event to be held April 29



The Chamber, City of St. Matthews, and community partner Eclipse Bank, will host a paper shredding event on Saturday, Apr. 29, at the St. Matthews Community Center located at 310 Ten Pin Lane. A+ Paper Shredding will be on hand with two trucks from 9-11 a.m., or until the two trucks are full.

Small businesses, nonprofits, churches, and St. Matthews residents are welcome to participate.

Participants may shred up to two boxes of documents per household or business. Boxes should be no larger than “banker

boxes,” or 24 x 12 x 10 inches. Additional boxes can be shredded for a \$10 donation. Donations will benefit Brown Park reforestation.

This is a drive-through event. Our staff will unload your materials and take them to the shredding truck. Please have your papers easily accessible.

Heavy traffic is expected at this event. If you wish to see your papers destroyed, you must park your car after unloading and walk back to the shredding trucks. All papers will be destroyed on-site, and the paper fiber is recycled.

What to shred

Documents that should be shredded include those with personal information such as your

social security number, medical history, utility service account or credit card information, and junk mail for credit card offers.

What not to shred

Shredding should not be used for non-sensitive documents such as cash receipts and most junk mail. Do not include items such as phone books, magazines, file folders, and 3-ring binders.

Due to extreme fire hazard, A+ Shredding has zero tolerance for house-hold batteries mixed in with your papers. If a battery is found, that box of paper will not be shredded and will be returned to its owner. No metal, glass, or plastic should be mixed in with papers.

Reel Recovery offers free men’s fly-fishing support retreat



Reel Recovery KY/IN will host a totally free, 2½ day fly-fishing support retreat May 22–24 for any man who has ever had cancer. It will be held at Wooded Glen Retreat & Conference Center

in Henryville, IN, about 30 minutes north of Louisville. To apply for this retreat, go to www.reelrecovery.org. You will need to fill out a general form and have a doctor fill out a form stating that you are healthy enough to participate.

Reel Recovery is a national organization. If you know of a man who has cancer in another state, check on the website for possible retreats there. For more information, contact Ruby Gordon at 459-5545 or rsgandrbg@gmail.com.

Hometown History - 2017



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The 1935 photo shows the intersection of Lexington Road on the left, with Frankfort Avenue in the center, and Shelbyville Road in the foreground. The photo is labelled “the entrance to St. Matthews.”

NOW

Shelbyville Road looking west toward the intersection of Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue.

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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.

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638-4STM (4786)

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Code Enforcement: 899-2512

Police Department: 893-9000

City Engineer: 899-2518

Public Works: 899-2517

Property Taxes: 899-2511

Police Records: 899-2537

Anonymous Tip Line:

**498-CLUE
(2583)**

Emergency: 911