



St. Matthews Living

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Hours: M-Th 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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MAY 2017

City servants mourned; McKiernan elected to council

When City Council member Martha Schade passed away unexpectedly in February, the mayor and other council members faced the difficult task of finding the right person to fill the position while mourning the loss of their friend and colleague.

In her 33 years of continuous service on the City of St. Matthews Council, Martha served on the Insurance Committee and the Personnel Committee, and chaired



the Buildings Committee, among other duties. Her latest visible project was the supervision of the repainting of City Hall.

"Martha was devoted to the citizens of St. Matthews, residents and citizens alike," said City Clerk Susan Clark. "With each vote she

cast, she only had their best interest at heart."

Martha was a vested member of The Chamber of St. Matthews, and the co-owner/operator of Tony's Wrecker Service with her husband, Jerry. She was a charter member of the Women's Towing & Recovery Association of America. "Martha was deeply involved in the Chamber, and she had a vision for creating an environment in which businesses could grow," said Mayor Rick Tonini. "We grieve her passing along with Jerry, their two sons, Lee and Nick, and their three grandchildren."

Rather than just appoint someone to fill Martha's position, the Mayor appointed a search committee to find a replacement. "We decided to advertise the position and go through an interview process," said City Councilman Tony Weiter, who served on the search committee with Tim Holland, Frank Flynn, and Bernie Bowling, Jr.

With only a 30-day window before the appointment privilege would be passed to the governor, the committee decided to advertise the position for a week

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At the City Council meeting on February 28, Mayor Rick Tonini asked for a moment of silence for City employee Ann Cleary. Ann, who was the City's Property Tax Specialist for 18 years, passed away suddenly on



February 17. Besides her tax duties, Ann handled reservations for the Community Center and was the point person for many other duties such as filling the postage and drink machines, printing time cards, and organizing bank deposits.

City Clerk Susan Clark remembered Ann as the most observant person that she had ever been around. "She was a great researcher, had a fantastic memory, knew everything about property taxes, and had more institutional knowledge about City policies and practices than anyone," said Clark. "She was very funny, loved music, and loved her daughter more than anything. Her presence is missed."

A Message From...



Construction bids taken in March for the St. Matthews City Hall and Eline Library renovation and addition project were rejected by the City Council as too high. In response to the March bid opening, two bids were

received, and both exceeded the design team's construction cost estimates.

The design team is in the process of hiring a construction management firm for the project and will rebid all work to achieve significant cost savings over the March bids. Construction is slated to begin this summer.

City develops new policies on public works

In February, the City Council adopted a revision to the ordinance relating to streets and sidewalks. The ordinance lists the requirements for encroachment permits and

licenses, references standards for work in rights-of-way, and designates responsibility for the maintenance of sidewalks.

The City is also developing a Public Works and Assets Policy

that will determine the types of permits required and the policies that will govern pull-offs, speed humps, and utility work.

Hometown History 1963

The photo at right is part of the online 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.



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



Litter abatement

Twice a year, the City will sweep the curbs and gutters of all major streets within City limits to keep the gutters free of debris and litter. Debris from open dumpsters and garbage cans and roadway litter can create an environmental hazard by making its way into the storm sewer system or creeks.

Most of the litter found along roadways are plastic bottles and food containers tossed from car windows. Please be courteous to others and safeguard the

environment by disposing of car trash appropriately and keeping dumpster and garbage can lids closed.

Paint disposal

Louisville Metro Solid Waste and Habitat for Humanity's ReStore now accept partial cans of latex paint for recycling. The collected paint will be rebledended for sale in Habitat ReStore locations in Louisville. The program



is made possible by a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund.

Latex paint may be dropped off during business hours at the following locations: Metro Staffed Recycling Center at 595 Hubbards Lane and Habitat For Humanity ReStore at 4044 Taylorsville Road.

Non-latex liquids such as oil-based paints, thinners, and solvents may be taken to Louisville Metro Haz Bin Recycling at 7501 Grade Lane, which is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keep informed with Reach Alert



All residents of St. Matthews may receive news alerts about emergency situations and unsafe conditions in the City by signing up for Reach Alert, the

City's instant communication system. Participants may receive Reach Alerts via text, email, and/or phone. You may also request to receive reminder notices about community events and City services. The City does

not send out messages daily, but only as situations occur. Sign up online at www.reachalert.com or by calling 877-307-9313. You may also sign up by using the link to Reach Alert on the City's website at www.stmatthewsky.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.

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Police Beat

SMPD honors Officer Rodman

On April 4, the St. Matthews Police Department helped honor fallen Louisville Metro Police Department Officer Nick Rodman. All three SMPD platoons were represented at Officer Rodman's funeral and burial, assisting with traffic, providing security at the family's home, and paying tribute as the motorcade passed through our community.

SMPD's first platoon was on duty in St. Matthews responding to calls and keeping the City safe.

New cruisers added

St. Matthews is adding 5 new police cars to its fleet. Cars being replaced that are still in good repair will be used as backup cars. Older cars will be taken out of service and sold.



Officer John Kaelin salutes the funeral procession of fallen Officer Nick Rodman.

Officers available as speakers

SMPD officers are available to speak to your organization. To inquire about a speaker, submit a request on the City website at www.stmatthewsky.gov or contact SMPD at 502-899-2539.

Crime Buzz

No solicitation

Any occupant of a residence may place near his/her door a clearly visible notice such as "No Solicitors Invited." Placement near the doorbell or the door knocker shall be deemed adequate. For more information on solicitation and when a resident should notify St. Matthews Police, go

to www.stmatthewsky.gov/solicitation-certificate/.

Free house watches

SMPD provides free house watches for residents who are on vacation or have to be away from their home for other reasons. Just telephone SMPD at 893-9000 to schedule a house watch.

Start a block watch

As warmer weather brings you and your neighbors outside, it's a good time to consider forming a block watch. Getting to know your neighbors and watching out for them creates a strong community. A block watch is an organized group of residents who watch out for criminal and suspicious behavior and report it to local law enforcement as well as sharing it with their neighbors.

If you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch, contact St. Matthews Police Officer Troy Armstrong at Troy.Armstrong@stmatthewsky.gov.



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.

Good Neighboring

Free services for stray cats

Feeding stray cats? Alley Cat Advocates can help get outdoor cats fixed and vaccinated at no cost to you.



As part of Alley Cat Advocate's Trap-Neuter-Return program, the cat will be vaccinated, spayed or neutered, treated with flea and ear mite medicine, examined by a vet, and ear-tipped (the universal symbol of a neutered cat).

Call 634-8777 for an appointment, and help lower your neighborhood's stray cat population.

Time to mow

So you are glad winter is over but you haven't quite yet embraced the lawn duties that come with warmer weather. St. Matthews Ordinance § 94.04 requires that grass be maintained at a height no greater than 8 inches and that weeds and grass be properly maintained. This applies to private property as well as to adjacent public easements and rights-of-way. Therefore, besides your front lawn, it is also your responsibility to cut the grass and trim back weeds and grass in rear or side easements and alleyways.

Dispose of junk properly

Don't amass junk at the street. If you have a water heater or appliance to dispose of, call Rumpke to arrange its disposal.

Remember that mattresses must be wrapped in plastic for disposal.

Trim shrubbery along roadsides

Ever come to an intersection and have to nose your vehicle out to see around bushes lining a property? It's important to trim your shrubbery or plants so that they do not obstruct a driver's view of traffic.

Leash law reminder

St. Matthews Ordinance § 88.03 states that pet owners must keep their cats, dogs, and other animals on a leash when not on the resident's property. If the animal is in an unfenced area on the owner's property, it must be under the control of the owner at all times.

Elementary school students present wreath to City



At its meeting on March 28, City Council members were presented with a "kindness" wreath made by the students at St. Matthews Elementary.

Each month, students at the school focus on an element of character. February's character was kindness.

Every time a student was "caught" doing something kind, he or she tied a ribbon onto the wreath.

The wreath will be displayed at City Hall. In the photo, Mayor Rick Tonini (standing at right) and the City Council accept the wreath from SME Principal Scottie Collier and students, Matt Collier and Clara Collier.

Park Place

Please Don't Feed Waterfowl

The next time you visit Brown Park or Draut Park with your little ones, leave the bread at home. Though it may be fun to feed the ducks and geese that inhabit Beargrass Creek, the practice can create many problems for the birds as well as for the environment.

As the nation's premier bird authority, the Audubon Society has debunked the notion that waterfowl cannot survive without human intervention. Ducks and geese have survived for thousands of years without handouts, and, today, many species of waterfowl are thriving. In fact, many urban parks like those in St. Matthews

are now over-populated with ducks and geese. Please enjoy our local waterfowl, but view them from a distance and respect their wildness. By doing so, you will provide them with their best chance for survival and teach your little ones how to coexist with their feathered friends.



Reasons Not to Feed Waterfowl

- Causes overpopulation at small urban and suburban parks
- Causes severe habitat degradation
- Waterfowl lose their natural fear of humans
- Creates dietary and nutritional problems for the birds
- Causes disease within waterfowl populations

St. Matthews celebrates Quebec Day



St. Matthews showed Quebec visitors some love this past Valentine's Day by proclaiming it "Quebec Day in St. Matthews."

In the photo above, Deputy Premier Minister of Quebec, Lise Theriault (center), along with

Delegate General of Quebec, Jean-Claude Lauzon (left), receive the proclamation from St. Matthews Mayor Rick Tonini.

Also visiting were Economic Affairs Officer Cyril Gauchet and Press Officer Clemence Gendron. The Québécois toured St. Matthews Elementary School on February 14 as part of their visit to Louisville. The purpose of the visit was to encourage business between the Canadian province and the Commonwealth and to share educational techniques.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Commonwealth ships nearly \$7.3 billion worth of goods and services to Canada annually. About a third of Kentucky's trade with Canada occurs in Quebec.

Your Works at Work



Hopefully, we can put the cold weather behind us and start looking forward to sunshine and the warmer weather of spring.

Springtime is a chance for all of us to help St. Matthews “bloom,” and your Public Works crew will not let you down. Here’s an update on Public Works projects:

Completed Projects

- Snow and Ice Removal: The City of St. Matthews operates a comprehensive snow removal program. During small snow events, the work crews only salted intersections in an effort to be fiscally responsible. Major roads like Shelbyville, Westport,

Hubbards, Browns, Bowling, and Breckenridge are the responsibility of Metro and the State.

- Improved spot drainage on Wiltshire and Iola
- Removed larger ash trees that were not able to be saved in Community and Brown Parks
- Replaced street signs in the Springhill area

Current Projects

- Working with MSD to finalize plans on a drainage project between Kentucky and Washburn, with construction anticipated this summer
- Removing damaged ash trees on Bowling Boulevard and replacing them with red buds and dogwoods

- Cleaning up the landscaped areas, mulching, and planting approximately 50 trees throughout the 3 major parks
- Improving roadway on Stonehenge
- Replacing street signs in the Willis Avenue area
- Annual City-wide tree planting within the rights-of-way

Future Projects

- Improve spot drainage on Winchester, Hycliffe, and Breckenridge
- Replace street signs in the Cherrywood area
- Possible road widening of Primrose from Dellridge to Westport Road

St. Matthews ambulances on the street since February



The ambulances borrowed to begin St. Matthews’ new emergency service in December were replaced February 24 with 2017 ambulances sporting St. Matthews Fire & Rescue detailing. The service makes about 20 runs a day, during which an average of 15 residents are transported to a hospital. At left, City Clerk Susan Clark volunteers as a transport patient in a demonstration for the City Council by Fire Chief Bill Seng.



Season's Greetings

Sixth Annual St. Matthews Street Festival May 20



On May 20 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Frankfort Avenue between Lexington Road

and Bauer Avenue will be transformed into one of the best street festivals in Louisville! You'll find bands, food, vendors, and activities for both adults and children.

The festival will showcase area retailers, restaurants, and live entertainment. Family fun and activities include the free Kids Zone, Fun Zone, and

Wellness Fair. Visitors will find vendors who have something special, unique, or delicious to share with everyone!

Go to stmatthewsstreetfestival.com/ for specific information on band performances and scheduled events.

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month on the second floor of St. Matthews-Eline Library, 3940 Grandview Ave. (in St. Matthews City Hall).

May 20

AHHS member and attorney Jim Hill will review *Reclaiming the American Revolution: The Kentucky and Virginia*

Resolutions and Their Legacy by William J. Watkins, Jr.

June 17

AHHS member Dick Ernst will speak about General Nathanael Greene, Washington's friend and trusted military advisor.

July 15

AHHS Member and attorney Mark Webster will review *The Great Debate: Edmund Burke,*

Thomas Paine and the Birth of Right and Left by Yural Levin.



Edmund Burke



Thomas Paine

The Woman's Club of St. Matthews celebrates 78 years



The Woman's Club of St. Matthews is not just a small group of ladies, but a part of a larger federated group that strives to make a difference in the community, state, and country. All ladies from any area are invited to come join the club.

Members meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except July, at

11:00 a.m. in the St. Matthews Community Center at 310 Ten Pin Lane. All programs are free and open to the public.

May 22

College scholarships will be presented to 5 area students at the club's birthday party luncheon. Reservations are required.

June 26

The Woman's Club Showcase Open House will highlight the club's past, current, and future projects and adventures. There is no obligation to join.

Refreshments will be served.

For more event and club information, contact President Bev Potts at 896-6576 or visit the website at WCSM.org.

St. Matthews Baseball and Softball



Take me out to the ball game!

Ball season has already started in St. Matthews.

Head to St. Matthews Community Park from now until June to enjoy one of America's oldest sports for FREE. Located on Ten Pin Lane

across from the Mall St. Matthews, the ball park features talented boys and girls, ages 4 to 15 years, as well as a great refreshment stand where you can purchase a hot dog and cola to complete your visit.

Ball games are played Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. Saturday

games begin at 10 a.m. and end around 9 p.m. Sunday is reserved for make-up games, due to rain-outs, and begin at 1 p.m., if required.

For more information on specific times and dates for these FREE events, go to www.stmatthewsbaseballandsoftball.com.

Code Words

Parking by the rules

While temporary parking of a vehicle on the street is generally allowed, no vehicle is to be left parked on the street for more than 24 hours or it is considered to be abandoned. Because of St. Matthews' numerous narrow streets, it is important to allow emergency vehicles, such as ambulances and fire trucks, sufficient room to get passed any

parked vehicles. When two vehicles are parked on the street opposite one another, which has happened several times recently, there is not enough room for these larger vehicles to pass. Please be conscious of the issue, and make traveling easier for everyone.



Eline Library: Check it out

May 17, 6:00 p.m.

Retired University of Delaware professor, architectural historian and historic preservationist, David



Ames, will explore Louisville architecture with fresh eyes. The city's great variety of historic architecture is one of the things that attracted the former Professor of Urban Affairs and Public Policy to retire in Louisville.

June 12, July 10, August 14, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime Animated! is an experience where children, ages 2-5, view a short, animated version of a story, followed by social and craft time. Call branch for titles.

June 3-August 12

Summer Reading begins June 3 at all locations and runs through August 12. At the finale on August 12 at 10:30 a.m., Eline Library will be celebrating the end of summer with Raptor Rehab, an organization dedicated to rehabilitating injured raptors. Come get your reading list! Call the Eline branch at 574-1771.



Hot Off the Press

Spring Cleanup for Fire Safety

Spring has arrived, and St. Matthews Fire & Rescue wants you to know that the time-tested ritual of spring cleaning will help keep your homes safe from the threat of fire. Make your spring cleaning fire-safe by following these tips:

- Rid your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and replace every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer. Don't borrow smoke alarm batteries to use for toys or other equipment.

- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum smoke alarms every six months or as needed.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights, and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.
- If you store gasoline, keep it

outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a

motor fuel – never as a cleaning agent.

- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from buildings, windows, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units or places with high or dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only – not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

If you have any questions or would like clarification on any fire safety tips, call St. Matthews Fire & Rescue at 893-7825.



Senior Care Experts annual shred day May 13



Senior Care Experts is holding a FREE shred day and drug toss at their office located at 145 Thierman Lane on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Your confidential documents will be shredded on-site by The Paper Predator, which also accepts binders and staples.

Metro Louisville Police will be on hand to collect expired or unneeded medications. There is no charge. For more information, call 896-2316.



Servants mourned; McKiernan elected

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both on the City website and through the Reach Alert system. The committee received 26 resumes and interviewed six of the applicants.

Recommendations were made to the Mayor and City Council, who voted unanimously to appoint Shaun McKiernan as the eighth councilman. His term of office runs until December of 2018.

McKiernan was a political science major at Notre Dame University and taught middle school in Mississippi after college. He has worked in a budgetary role for the Commonwealth for the last seven years, first serving as a budget policy analyst and fiscal manager at the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs.

Currently, McKiernan serves on the Council for Post-Secondary Education, working on the agency budget and coordinating budget needs for all Kentucky universities and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System. "One of

the things we do is set tuition at public universities," he said.

Normally, McKiernan's government job would prohibit him from taking public office, but a nonpartisan position such as city councilman is not off limits. "My wife knew I wanted to serve, and saw the position advertised through Reach Alert," he said. "It was perfect. My wife and I love living in St. Matthews so much that rather than move when our family grew, we decided to add on."

McKiernan has been married for 8 years and has a 4-year-old and a 14-month-old. He sings at church and is a member and past president of the Louisville Division of the Hibernians. "We enjoy putting on the St. Patrick's Day parade and are involved in all things Irish," he said.

He continued, "I think my role as a council member is to keep St. Matthews the very special place it is. I look forward to meeting more constituents and being at public

events, and I would love to hear from people if they have questions or concerns. I am both humbled and honored to be a part of the City Council."

Residents may reach McKiernan at Shaun.McKiernan@stmatthews.ky.gov.



Shaun McKiernan takes his place as the City's newest council member.

Hometown History - 2017



THEN

The photo dated 1963 shows the intersection of Frankfort Avenue and Cannons Lane, looking east into St. Matthews.

NOW

The cars and businesses have changed, but the intersection of Cannons Lane and Frankfort Avenue has aged well.

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Mayor Richard J. Tonini

City Council

Bernard Bowling

Frank Flynn

Tim Holland

Shaun McKiernan

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

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.**

REACH ALERT

To receive emergency and/or
community service notifications
through St. Matthews' Reach Alert
system, sign up at
www.reachalert.com or call
1-877-307-9313.

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

Public Works: 899-2517

Property Taxes: 899-2511

Police Records: 899-2537

Anonymous Tip Line:

**498-CLUE
(2583)**

Emergency: 911