

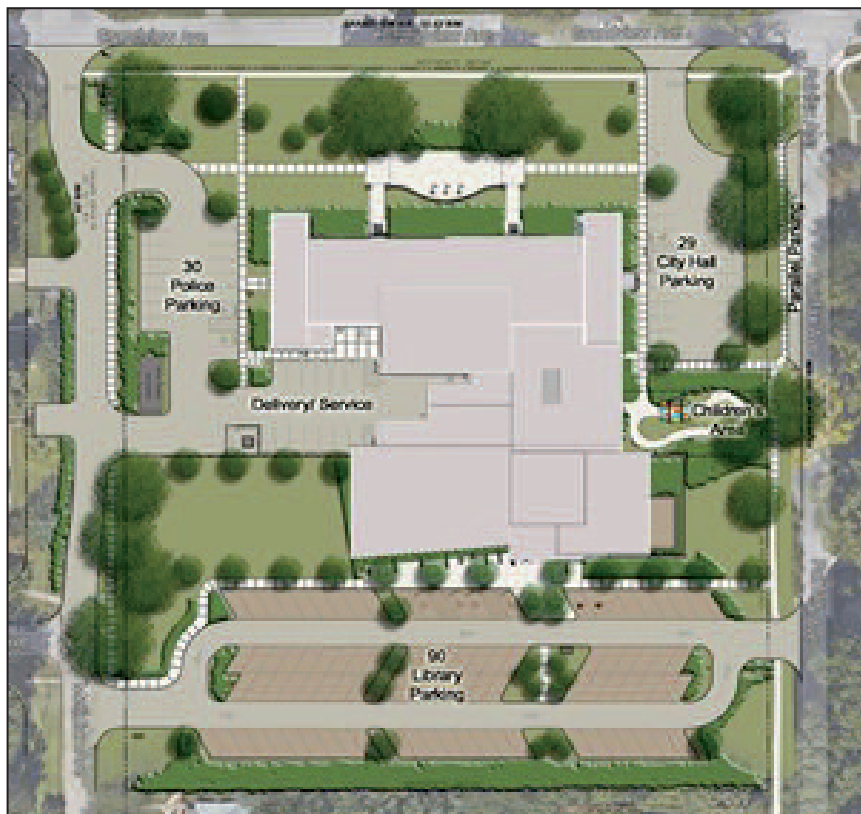


St. Matthews Living

City of St. Matthews
3940 Grandview Avenue
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MAY 2018

City services thrive despite dust, parking issues



Preconstruction Timeline

- December 2015 – Architects Studio Kremer hired
- March 2017 – Plans completed and bids sought
- Summer 2017 – City advertised for construction management firm to reduce cost
- September 2017 – City awarded Sullivan & Cozart, Inc. the job for approximately \$10 million
- October 2017 – Held a public groundbreaking ceremony
- November 2017 – All permits were approved and construction began

The parking can be daunting and the dust, well, impressive, but City servants are up to the challenge of performing daily duties amidst the construction, which will expand and renovate the City complex.

“I will be totally honest,” said St. Matthews Library Branch Manager Kelly Brothers, “I have enjoyed every minute of this process. Yes, it is dirty, and parking can be a bit dicey, but overall the coolness of watching this project unfold far outweighs any of the cons.”

The project was awarded to the construction management firm, Sullivan & Cozart, Inc., in September of last year, with the actual construction beginning last November. Since then, plans have moved forward at a steady pace. To date, the following construction has been completed:

- Geothermal well field installed and tested
- Drainage system installed in the proposed parking lot
- Storm water quality unit installed

- New parking lot excavated
 - Rock placed in new parking lot
 - New sanitary sewer for City Hall and Library addition installed
 - Library addition foundation, slab, and recessed floor poured
 - Police garage constructed
 - Demolition of existing gym and auditorium in City Hall
- Currently, several phases of the project are under construction. The new police squad room, offices, and

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A Message From...

Current Events & Notices

If you would like to have a convenient online resource for news, updates and alerts about happenings in St. Matthews, try the “Current Events & Notices” page on the City’s website. This is also a way to post useful and general news to residents, which may not warrant a Reach Alert. Events and notices are listed only by title so you can scan them quickly and click on the ones that interest you to read more details. Check it out at stmatthewsky.gov/events.

Mayor coaches for school fundraiser

The Harlem Wizards is a comedy basketball team that tours the U.S. to entertain crowds using a variety of basketball tricks. They perform

fundraisers at schools for the students and the rest of the community, displaying their fancy trickery through dribbling, passing, shooting, and dunking.

On March 9, the legendary team played a team of staff members from St. Matthews Elementary and Waggener High School. The local team was coached by none other than the Mayor of St. Matthews—Rick Tonini. A total of 800 people attended and \$4,000 was raised for the schools. Thanks, Coach Tonini!



Mayor Rick Tonini coaches Waggener High School and St. Matthews Elementary staff in fundraiser game. (Photos courtesy of Lee-Anne Fenwick Photography.)



Hometown History

1941

This feature spotlights a moment in time when our city looked a lot different. The photo at right is part of the online Digital Collections of the University of Louisville. Where do you think the photo was taken? See page 11 to solve this 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



40% rebate on purchase of shade trees

TreesLouisville, in partnership with

the Louisville Metro Division of Community Forestry, is currently running a Tree Rebate Program as an incentive for homeowners to plant more trees. The Tree Rebate Program is open to all residents of Jefferson County. Participants can earn a rebate of 40% (up to \$80) on the purchase of a shade tree.

Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds run out. For full details, visit treeslouisville.org/rebate.



Proper fertilizer usage

Don't apply fertilizers before a rain storm as they will simply run off into the City's waterways rather than being absorbed into your lawn or garden. Consider using organic fertilizers as they release nutrients more slowly. Apply fertilizer to your lawn at the proper time and in the proper amount by following the package directions. This can save time, effort, and money through reduced mowing and watering.

Use permeable pavers

When deciding to install or replace concrete or asphalt features, such as sidewalks, driveways, or patios, consider using specialized asphalt or permeable pavers. These materials allow water to pass through into underlying soil, reducing runoff into gutters, streets, and waterways. In winter months, these materials reduce icing by letting the water

pass through, rather than pool on the surface.

No plastic bags for yard waste

Please remember that, as a matter of law, reusable containers or biodegradable bags must be used for yard waste. Free stickers for your designated yard waste containers are available at City Hall. For better identification, two or three stickers for each container are recommended.



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

Traffic grant awarded

St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) has received a mini-grant from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to enforce moving violations within our City from May 1 to September 30. There will be two campaigns during the grant period.

The first campaign, Click It or Ticket, is in



effect from May 21 through June 4. During this time, SMPD will crack down on motorists not wearing their seat belts. When you're not wearing your seat belt, you're risking serious injury or death.

The second campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, runs from August 17 through September 3. During these weeks, officers will focus on enforcing violations of alcohol-impaired driving.

In 2016, there were 10,497 fatalities in the U.S. from motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol-impaired drivers. If you choose to drink and drive—and it is a choice—you risk not only your own life, but also the lives of innocent people in our community.



Crime Buzz

Safety Reminders

Practicing three simple habits will help reduce crime in your neighborhood and our City:

- 1) **Homes** – Lock all doors and watch for home improvement scams.
- 2) **Vehicles** – Lock all doors and secure your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle.
- 3) **Skimmers** – Look for skimmers on ATM, gas pumps or other areas where your credit/debit card can be used. If the credit/debit card slot looks like it has been tampered with, notify management.

Fingerprinting and prescription drop-off

Due to construction and safety concerns at City Hall, we will have to change procedures regarding these programs. We will notify you of any changes as soon as possible. We invite and encourage you to sign up

for Reach Alerts so you can receive notices of drop-off dates and other important information as it becomes available.



SMPD strongly urges all St. Matthews residents to sign up for Reach Alert to be contacted in an emergency. It just might save a life.

Sign up online at www.reachalert.com or by calling Reach Alert at 1-877-307-9313. A link may also be found on the City's website at www.stmatthewsky.gov.

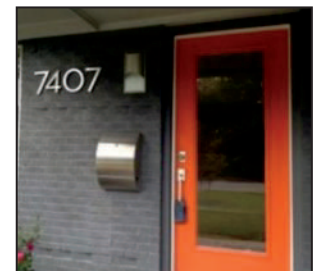
House numbers may be cute placed in the yard, but first responders need to find them on a house by the front door. To ensure your house can be found easily, look at your house number from the street to see if it is clearly visible. Look at it during the day and at night.

If your number is not clearly visible, consider getting larger numbers or painting them a different color. If your number is not visible at night, add lighting that will make it visible.

No one wants an emergency, but we want the fastest help possible if we have one. Make sure our emergency personnel can find you when you need them.

Check your house number

None of us wants to think of emergency vehicles arriving at our homes with lights flashing. How much worse would it be if emergency personnel could not locate your home quickly?



Code Words

Numerous issues have arisen recently with regard to use of the unimproved public right-of-way in front of someone's property. The following paragraphs are sections of the St. Matthews Code that address obstructions and the placement of objects within this unimproved portion of a street right-of-way.

"No person shall obstruct any street, alley, sidewalk, or the right-of-way within the City by erecting any fence or structure, or permitting any fence or structure to remain, with the exception of mailboxes and driveways that are otherwise lawful and compliant."

[Section 92.11]

"No owner, occupant, or person having the care of a building or lot of land, bordering on any right-of-way,

shall permit the right-of-way to be encumbered with barrels, boxes, cans, articles, debris, refuse, or substances of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof. Objects or devices placed in the right-of-way by residents to direct or obstruct vehicular travel are allowed only if an encroachment permit is obtained in compliance with the City of St. Matthews Public Works and Assets Policy." [Section 92.12 (A)]

"No owner, occupant, or person

having the care of a building or lot of land, bordering on any right-of-way, shall permit it to be encumbered with grass, trees, or vegetative

material of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof. The



'sight triangle' described by the applicable zoning regulations at each intersection shall be kept unobstructed from vegetation.

Branches, trees

or shrubs shall not encroach upon any sidewalk and a clear-space, eight feet in height and as wide as the sidewalk, shall be kept unobstructed." [Section 92.12 (B)]

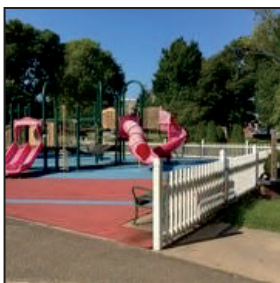
If a Code Enforcement Officer contacts you concerning an issue with the right-of-way in front of your property, he will probably be referring to one of the sections quoted above. There are other provisions in the Codes as well, but these seem to be the most common issues that arise.



Park Place

Changes to Brown Park

As the weather starts to improve and the snow finally melts, the City will be able to begin several new improvements to Brown Park. The heavily used park will be getting a new public restroom, and the portable restrooms will be removed. The design and location



have yet to be finalized, but the intention is to put them in a central location for all park users.

In addition to the new restroom, the playground will get a facelift and an addition. The intention is to have multiple play areas to meet the needs of multiple age groups.

You will also notice some additional signs in the park. The City Works Department will be installing new signs close to Beargrass Creek.



For the health of the ducks and Beargrass Creek, the City is asking residents only to feed the ducks foods that are not harmful to duck digestive tracks and that don't pollute the creek.

Your Works at Work

March and April have been a roller coaster of temperature changes, rains, and snows. But no matter what comes our way, please know that St. Matthews Public Works will do its very best.

Current Projects:

- Continue removing ash trees within Bowling Boulevard and replacing them with flowering trees.
- Sprucing up the Parks – Crews are active in cleaning up the landscaped areas, remulching, and planting trees. A large amount of storm debris was deposited in the park following the March floods.

The saturated soil has hindered the ability to get equipment on site, but this will be cleaned up. The City planted approximately 50 trees throughout the three major parks and has 20–30 property owner tree planting requests to finish. The total number of new trees planted this year is expected to be near 100. Tree farms have been delayed in digging, thus affecting our schedule.

- Construction of sidewalks on Massie Avenue (between Ridgeway Avenue and Hubbards Lane) is scheduled for late spring or early summer.

- Phased street sign replacement project throughout the City, with the current phase of the project working north of Massie Avenue.

Future Projects:

- Spot drainage improvements on Winchester Avenue.
- Spot drainage improvement at Hycliffe Avenue and Breckenridge Lane.
- Phased street sign replacement project throughout the City.
- Possible road widening of Primrose from Dellridge to Westport Road.

Good Neighboring

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.

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.

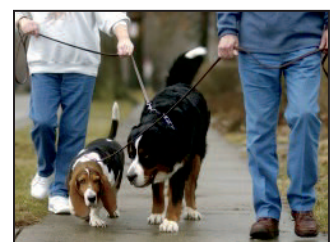
Leash law reminder

St. Matthews Ordinance § 91.02 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.

So when you take your pet for a walk, remember that it must be on a leash and that St. Matthews prohibits electric collars as a substitute. Also remember to take a baggie along to pick up after your pet.

Barking dogs can be another pet peeve. Allow your neighbors the peace they deserve and keep your dog quiet—especially after hours.



Hot Off the Press

Captain Joe Wolfe retires



It's with mixed emotions and sincere gratitude for his service that St. Matthews Fire Protection District announces the retirement of Captain Joe Wolfe on February 28, 2018.

For 38 years, Captain Wolfe served as one of the District's top employees, helping to grow the district into one of Kentucky's best. Captain Wolfe started out as a volunteer firefighter in 1979 and was hired as a full-time professional firefighter in 1983. He has been a company commander for the past 30 years.

Joe has taken a new job in the private sector. He also plans to take up fishing and work on his golf swing. (We all know he tends to slice to the left.)

On behalf of everyone at St. Matthews Fire & Rescue, we will miss Captain Wolfe dearly and wish him the best of luck. Congratulations, Joe!

Grilling safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most

popular ways to cook food. But a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Grills can be very hot, causing burn injuries. They should never be left unattended, and children should be kept away from them at all times.

To safely use propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it at the start of the grilling season. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

If you have determined that your grill has a gas leak and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before relighting it.



Always keep the lid open when lighting the grill. Only use starter fluid with charcoal grills, and never apply it to an open flame. When you are finished grilling, allow the coals to cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.

Fireworks safety

City of St. Matthews Ordinance § 11.04 states: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to use



or detonate any display fireworks within the City of St. Matthews, except for professionally staged and permitted events." Never give fireworks—not even sparklers—to children. They are dangerous devices that can cause severe injury and even death. Sparklers cause 16% of fireworks injuries. Whereas water boils at 212 degrees, cakes bake at 350 degrees, wood burns at 575 degrees, and glass melts at 900 degrees, a sparkler burns at 1,200 degrees. If you decide to ignore the law and your clothes catch on fire, remember to Stop, Drop, and Roll.



St. Matthews Woman's Club turns 80



On June 3, the Woman's Club of St. Matthews will celebrate 80 years of service to the St. Matthews community. Current President and long-time member Mary Jo Nay is proud that from the time the club was organized on April 7, 1938, it has been working not only to create a better St. Matthews, but also to establish St. Matthews as a leader in Kentucky and in the support of our nation. "In reading our rich history with St. Matthews and what these women did before us, it makes me proud to carry that torch forward as the current president," said Nay.



Members of the Woman's Club of St. Matthews create tiny floral arrangements for shut-in seniors and disabled persons.

Penny Pearson, a member since 1986 and a past president, said her mother, who was a member during the 1950s, urged her to join. One of Pearson's favorite projects was the youth seminars they used to sponsor where civic leaders, such as the mayor, would speak to youth about community responsibility and

inspire them to do something with their lives. Following is a small sampling of the many other projects and causes the club has championed over the years:

- **1938—1940:** Helped establish a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library in St. Matthews.
- **1940—1942:** Started a kindergarten at Greathouse School (now the St. Matthews City Hall building).
- **1942—1944:** Equipped a large day room at Bowman Field for soldiers. Participated in the county-wide scrap metal drive.
- **1944—1946:** Sold over a million dollars in war bonds. Instrumental in obtaining the land for the memorial shaft honoring St. Matthews soldiers who lost their lives during World War II. The shaft stands on the triangle in St. Matthews, at the split of Lexington and Frankfort Avenues.
- **1950—1952:** Launched a "curb hoarding" campaign when citizens, fearing the U.S. would be drawn into the Korean conflict, began hoarding food. The program received a commendation from the White House.
- **1954—1956:** Started the Junior Student Service Center, an organization to work with businesses to provide jobs for boys, ages 12–16. Over 300 boys received jobs the first year.
- **1958—1960:** Adopted the Sidney Eline Library as a sustaining project. Worked with the Civil Defense Department to hold a three-day Home Preparedness Workshop.
- **1960—1962:** First club in the district to promote seat belt safety.
- **1974—1976:** Sponsored the Potato Queen contest to raise funds to purchase the St. Matthews Community Center.
- **1980—1982:** Helped local schools to create mosquito control programs. The club received an award for this work.
- **2000—2007:** Sent vitamins to the Catholic Medical Foundation for clinics in Third World countries. Mailed coloring books and crayons to Iraq for soldiers entertaining Iraqi children.



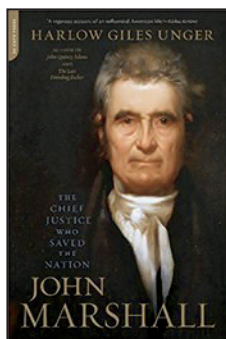
The Woman's Club awards \$25,000 in scholarships annually to seniors attending St. Matthews high schools.

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Season's Greetings

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The AHHS meets every third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The meeting place—until further notice—will be the Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, in their lower-level meeting room.



The following meetings are open to the public:

May 19

AHHS member Lauve Poché will review *John Marshall: The Chief Justice Who Saved the Nation* by Harlow Giles Unger.

June 16

Dr. Pattie Dillon, Spalding University, Chair, School of Liberal Studies, and associate professor

of History, will review *American Sanctuary: Mutiny, Martyrdom, and National Identity in the Age of Revolution* by Roger Ekirch.

July 21

AHHS member and attorney Mark Webster will review *The Founders and the Classics: Greece, Rome and the American Enlightenment* by Carl J. Richard.

Eline Library: Check it out!



Weekly Storytimes

Weekly Storytimes will be held at the St. Matthews Community Center, 310 Ten Pin Lane, through the remainder of the renovation. Times and days remain the same.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading starts June 1. If you participated last year, you can log into your Beanstack account to make sure your information is updated. New participants will be able to preregister beginning in late May. Summer Reading is open to all children ages birth to 18. Visit www.LFPL.org for more information.



Microsoft Word 1

May 16, 9:00 a.m.

This class is an introduction to *Microsoft Word*, a program used to create documents such as papers, letters, reports, resumes, and more. Topics include how to get started, edit, format, and save your work.

Microsoft Word 2

May 17, 9:00 a.m.

This class builds upon skills covered in *Microsoft Word 1*. Topics include proofreading and revising, inserting images and tables, and formatting your page.

Power Point I

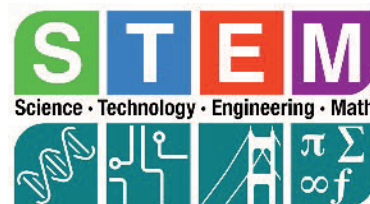
June 4, 9:00 a.m.

This class is an introduction to *Microsoft PowerPoint*, a program used to create slide shows and presentations. Topics include getting started, adding graphics, and presenting your slide show.

Family STEM game night

June 5 & 26, July 31, 6-8:00 p.m.

Join us for family friendly STEM-themed board and card games.



Internet Basics

June 25, 9:00 a.m.

This class explores the very basics of the Internet. Learn about web browsers, entering an Internet address, and using a search engine. Call 574-1771 to register.

Free computer repair

The free computer tune-up and repair service on the first Saturday of each month will move to the Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, while City Hall is being renovated.

City Hall construction

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Work on the City Hall complex steadily moves forward as City and Library staff continue to serve the residents of St. Matthews.

workout facility are nearing completion and scheduled to be finished in May. Steel is being erected for the Library addition. The construction crew is just beginning the demolition of the second floor of City Hall, which will house the new City Administration offices. That phase is scheduled for completion in August.

According to Director of Public Works and Assistant City Engineer Kenan Stratman, the project is running smoothly. Said Stratman, "Sullivan & Cozart and their hired subs have done an amazing job to date. Their coordination and collaboration with all parties involved has allowed the project to flow as smoothly as possible."

Everyone at City Hall is involved with the project in one way or another, whether directly communicating with the construction group like Stratman, City Engineer Jim Birch, and Mayor Rick Tonini, or through coordinating City offices so that service to the

public continues despite what some have cheerfully called "controlled chaos."

City Clerk Susan Clark said her office is in the process of reviewing what will be moved to temporary offices in May and what can be put into storage. "Change has become part of what we do. We find ourselves planning for the next morning the evening before," she said. Though no one wants to leave for lunch because parking is tight, Clark said the St. Matthews residents have been terrific.

"They hear the same construction noise that we do and have not complained!" Clark noted that the construction crews have been careful to be as quiet as possible early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

Brothers called those noises "the sounds of progress" and complimented the crew members. "We love the crew working here—they have been really nice and informative," she said.

The final phase inside the building, which encompasses the first floor of City Hall, is scheduled for completion in



Architect Studio Kremer's rendering of the finished St. Matthews Eline Library.

January 2019. The completion date for the Library is set for the first quarter of 2019.

Seeing the building rise from the ground has been the best part for Clark. "It is exciting to embrace the future," she said.

Woman's Club of St. Matthews

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- **2011—2015:** Awarded thousands of dollars in college scholarships. Continued to support St. Matthews Area Ministries with a monthly donation. Planted a pinwheel garden at Bethel-St. Paul Church to remind everyone to help prevent child abuse.
- **2013—2015:** Donated funds to the St. Matthews Fire Depart-

ment to purchase equipment. Purchased stuffed animals and blankets for the St. Matthews Police Department so the officers could have them in the vehicles when needed to comfort a child.

- **2015—2017:** Donated to St. Matthews Little League to start a Bambino Buddy Ball League

for the handicapped. Sewed gowns for Operation Smile.

To celebrate its 80th year, the club will hold a reception on June 3 from 2:00—4:00 p.m. at the Hurstbourne County Club. For more information or to RSVP, call or email Jackie Brooks at 502-292-1790 or Jackie.brooks19@twc.com.

Senior Care Expert events



Free shred and expired drug toss

Destroy your confidential documents for free on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Senior Care Experts (SCE), 145 Thierman Lane, between Walmart

and U-Haul off Shelbyville Road. Louisville Metro Police will be on site accepting expired drugs.

Summer Food Drive

From May 30 to June 15, SEC is collecting nonperishable, sealed, unexpired food—dried and canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, soups and stews, and boxed meals—as well as paper products, toiletries and monetary donations to help

seniors. Donations may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the SCE office.

Volunteers Needed

SCE needs volunteers to drive meals to seniors, help with transportation of seniors, provide office help, and more! Call 896-2316 or visit www.srcareexperts.org for details.

Hometown History - 2018

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The Drive-In Theatre in the 1941 photo was located on Shelbyville Road across from the present site of Mall St. Matthews.

NOW

Today the location at 5067 Shelbyville Road is the shopping center bounded on the north by Community Park, on the west by Ten Pin Lane, and on the east by the Watterson Expressway.



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Tim Holland

Shaun McKiernan

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

Tony Weiter

Patrick Wissing

City 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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