



St. Matthews Living

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FEBRUARY 2019

November election brings City Council changes

The November 2018 election brought some new faces to the St. Matthews City Council and obliged us to say farewell to others.

Pat Wissing served the City as a councilman from 2003–2018. The owner of a local construction company, he firmly believes everyone should give back to the community. “I was very happy to be part of a City government that ran a fiscally responsible budget while providing quality services to its residents,” he said.

Wissing also appreciated the City’s commitment to its beautiful

parks and to preventing over development. “St. Matthews is the place where I grew up, and it



Mayor Rick Tonini (left) recognizes outgoing Councilman Pat Wissing for his years of service with the City of St. Matthews.

makes me happy to know that I can raise my family in such a safe and caring place—a bubble inside of Metro Louisville.”

Cathi Clark decided to run for City Council after she attended Council meetings to challenge a proposed apartment and retail complex being

considered for development. Clark, Vice President of Marketing for American Pharmacy Services Corporation, has lived in St. Matthews since 1997 and sits on several boards, though this is her first public service role.

As the Secretary-Treasurer for the Federation of Pharmacy Networks, she has learned first-hand how to keep an open mind and listen to all sides to find a solution. “The Federation members are my business competitors, and sometimes I have to foster a plan that may not benefit my business in order to serve the majority,” she said. Clark considers herself a problem solver and is ready to serve the people of St. Matthews.

“I believe when you serve, you find out how things really work and have a lot more respect for the leaders in your community,” she said.



City Clerk Susan Clark swears in City Council members in December 2018. From left to right: Stuart Monohan, Tony Weiter, Tim Holland, Mayor Rick Tonini, Amy Olson, Cathi Clark, Bernie Bowling, Frank Flynn, and Mary Jo Nay.

Also new to the Council is Amy Olson, Director of Mission Effectiveness for Sacred Heart Schools. A proud Kentucky resident and married to Kevin Wadle for 23 years, Olson hails from Iowa. She is one of six children and has

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A Message From...

Business licenses merge

The City of St. Matthews has transitioned from two business license applications to a single application. Previously, the City required a separate business application for “professional” business licenses. “Only 5% of St. Matthews business licenses, such as those held by medical practices, were affected by the transition,” said Judi Kassebaum, City Business License and Occupational Tax Specialist.

Whereas the general business license tax fee is based on the gross receipts of the business, the professional license charged a flat fee.

Eliminating a separate professional license has streamlined the process, eliminating confusion over which license to choose and creating a more equitable system for all businesses.

Businesses that submit their fees prior to April 30, 2019 will receive a 50% discount. For more information, contact Kassebaum at 899-2515.

Mayor Rick to coach again

Mayor Rick Tonini will reprise his role as basketball coach for a local team playing the world famous Harlem Wizards to raise money for St. Matthews Elementary School. Come out and support your local grade

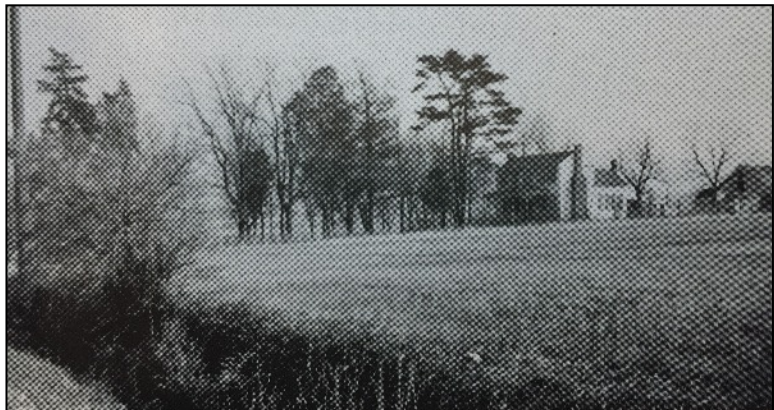
school on Friday, March 8, and watch the Wizards perform their fancy trickery through dribbling, passing, shooting, and dunking. For more information, contact St. Matthews Elementary PTA President Jamie Todd at 235-2963.



Hometown History

1940

This feature spotlights a moment in time when our city looked a lot different. Where do you think this picture 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



Save on your heating bill

Got the post-holiday blues due to overspending?

You can get some of that money back using these green tips that also save on your electric bill:

- Open curtains and blinds on windows facing west and east during the day to allow the sun in. Draw curtains and blinds closed at night to keep in heat.
- Water heating accounts for about 18% of your home's energy use. Wrap your water heater in insulation, and set your water heater to 120 degrees.

- Cover unused fireplaces to prevent cold air from coming in.
- Change air filters at least once a month if you run heat daily.
- Switch to CFLs or LED light bulbs.
- Turn off video games (both the TV *and* the console) when finished playing.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

Tree planting

The City will be planting trees in easement areas around St. Matthews this winter and spring. Homeowners who request that a tree be planted along a right-of-way will be responsible for the tree's maintenance. The species of

tree to be planted is not the choice of the homeowner, but is selected with the advice of an arborist. If you would like to have a tree planted in the easement area in front of your property, call City Hall at 895-9444. You can also request a tree via the City's website at www.stmatthewsky.gov. Go to Services, City Public Works, then Tree Program.



The New KY Driver's License: Get Ready for Change

On Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., a forum will be held at the St. Matthews Community Center to inform residents about the new Kentucky driver's license. The forum, hosted by the Woman's Club of St. Matthews and the City of St. Matthews, will be led by either Circuit Court Clerk David Nicholson or his Chief Deputy of Driver's License Division, Angela McCoy.

Kentucky is making significant improvements to increase the security of driver's licenses, permits, and personal IDs through an initiative called Confident Kentucky. By the end of May, the new cards will be available

throughout the Commonwealth. The cards will have new security features, move to an eight-year lifespan, and have new pricing. Rather than receiving a card the day you apply, the card will be mailed to your home 5-10 days after application.

When the cards become available in your area and it is time to renew your current card or you are a first-time cardholder, you will apply for one of two new versions: standard or Voluntary Travel ID credential. Voluntary Travel

ID versions have all the benefits of a standard credential, plus they are federally accepted to board U.S. domestic flights and access restricted federal facilities once REAL ID enforcement begins nationwide on October 1, 2020.

To make a decision regarding which ID will be best for you and to learn what you need to do to apply and where to apply, attend the forum on April 11. You may also wish to visit <https://drive.ky.gov/ConfidentKY/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.



KENTUCKY DRIVER'S LICENSE

PHASED STATEWIDE ROLL OUT BEGINS IN MARCH

Kentucky's new, secure licenses, permits and personal IDs



IDENTITY VERIFICATION



ARRIVAL IN THE MAIL



EXTENDED SHELF LIFE



OPTIONAL TRAVEL LICENSE

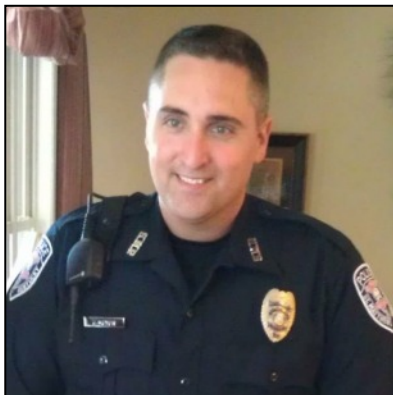


NEW PRICING



Police Beat

Detective Jeremy Meyer passes away



It is with great sorrow that the St. Matthews Police Department announces the loss of Detective Jeremy Meyer. After a valiant battle with cancer, he passed away on January 2 at the age of 44.

Jeremy began his career with the Shepherdsville Police Department in 2004 and transferred to the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office in 2011. He joined the St. Mathews Police Department in 2012.

Jeremy had a diverse background in law enforcement including patrol, criminal and narcotics investigations, and forensics. He was also a member of the Training Staff and Special Response Team. Jeremy possessed a volunteer, can-do attitude and was highly respected by his peers in local law enforcement.

An outstanding family man, Jeremy left behind his wife of

22 years, Kelly, and a daughter, Kayla Marie, age 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy's family who will always be a part of the St. Matthews' family.

Department awarded MRAP vehicle

The Police Department was recently awarded a retired Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle through the government's 1033 Program, which transfers military equipment to civilian law enforcement agencies.

The new vehicle will be used primarily by the Special Response Team (SRT) as a rescue vehicle on high-risk calls, such as barricaded-subjects, hostage-takings, active shooters, officer/person down situations, and during severe weather.

The expectation is that the



SMPD will be a "good neighbor" and use the vehicle to assist neighboring jurisdictions and agencies responding to the same types of situations mentioned above. The acquisition of this vehicle

will greatly enhance the SMPD's response to the worst situations and help with rescuing innocent persons and keep them from harm. Training will be provided by certified U.S. military personnel.

Drug drop off program temporarily suspended



Please be advised that during the construction we have suspended the drug drop off program. During construction, unwanted medication may be disposed of at the Walgreens stores in Hikes Lane or Middletown.

Make winter driving safety a priority

Winter driving causes unique safety issues that call for an extra level of preparedness. Drivers should always carry an emergency kit in their vehicle that includes blankets, extra clothing, a flashlight, flares, jumper cables, a first aid kit, sand or cat litter for tire traction, a cell phone and car charger, a thermos of water, nonperishable food, ice scraper and snow brush, tire repair kit and pump, and a

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Police Beat

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heat source such as candles and matches or heat sticks.

Drivers should practice safe winter driving preparation including being aware of weather conditions, removing snow and

ice from the vehicle, and checking tires and wiper blades.

Other good practices include keeping your gas tank at least half full, being cautious of black ice by slowly approaching turns, ramps, and bridges, and reducing

speed and keeping space between your vehicle and other vehicles. Brake slowly and never slam on your brakes.

Making safety a priority in the winter takes some planning, but is worth the time.

Crime Buzz

Internet safe zone open

The Internet Safe Exchange Zone is still available on the City Hall campus during the current construction. This zone allows those who make Internet-based purchases from websites such as Craigslist and Facebook a safe



place to exchange goods. It can also be utilized as a safe place for child custody exchange.

Please use the parking lot located outside the designated main entrance for these transactions. The area is well-lit and under video surveillance at all times.

ID This Person

Check out www.idthisperson.com if you believe you can ID a criminal. New pictures are posted daily. Anonymous tipsters may receive a \$25 reward

Free house watch

SMPD performs free house watches for residents who are on vacation or away from home. Just telephone SMPD at 893-9000 to schedule or fill out the online form on the City website.

Locking up is always in season

Lock your vehicle, even in bad weather. Thieves work all year around and will take advantage of any available opportunity. If locks freeze, heat the key. Do not pour hot water on the locks.

Park Place

Mind the litter

The City is fortunate to have four beautiful parks for the enjoyment of the community. However, like other highly trafficked areas, they can quickly be overcome with litter despite the efforts of the City's Public Works crews.

Residents who use the parks can make a big difference by using designated trash receptacles. You and your family may even elect to take a few hours to clean up an area of the parks you frequent. Picking up trash along a walking path or around the play area is a great

way to give back to the City. This community service will also encourage others to keep the parks clean and will benefit the environment. Have a heart – do your part!

New Community Park stadium progresses

The new stadium being built in Community Park is on schedule for completion in March. The stadium will be home to the Trinity High School Shamrocks baseball team in the spring and will be used by St. Matthews Little League in the summer.



The field is designed to allow multiple games to be played at once for young Little League teams and will be a regional draw for tournaments. The City also hopes to host community events on the field.

City campus construction on schedule

The renovation of City Hall and reconstruction of the St. Matthews–Eline Library continues to move forward.

Construction on the 2nd and 3rd floors of City Hall is complete, and the City plans to move council meetings back to the campus starting in February.

Half of the construction on the 1st floor is complete. The final

phase of construction includes the renovation of the St. Matthews Police Department entrance. In the interim, the SMPD administration desk will be relocated on the east side of the 1st floor.

Ceiling tiles, light fixtures, and flooring have been installed inside the Library, while installation of concrete pavers and

sidewalks is beginning outside. Though Library construction is scheduled for completion at the beginning of March, Library personnel anticipate needing another month to prepare the space with new book shelves, books, and furniture. The Library is tentatively set to open in April 2019.



Clockwise, from top left: New entrance to the St. Matthews–Eline Library; light fixtures, ceiling tiles, and channel glass from Germany being installed in Library; 2nd floor lobby and welcome desk for City Administration.



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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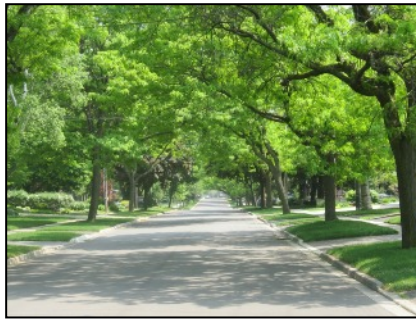
Code Words

Right-of-way trees responsibility of property owners

Part of the City's right-of-way lies outside traveled roadways and extends into areas commonly maintained by property owners as front or side yards. Property owners are allowed to use such areas for driveway access, mail box location, and landscaping, and the maintenance of those areas is the responsibility of the property owner. This includes the maintenance of trees located in the right-of-ways.

Though it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain trees in the right-of-ways that abut their property, these trees

are owned by the City. As such, City Ordinance 92.16 prohibits owners bordering those right-of-ways from removing the tree without City permission. Property owners who remove trees in



right-of-ways without City permission will be charged the cost of replacing the trees.

The public tree canopy is a valuable resource that the City

desires to preserve. Following are some tips to maintain healthy trees: Keep trees properly pruned, removing dead branches. Avoid parking under trees as the soil can compact and roots can be damaged. Apply a thin layer of organic mulch around trees to kill weeds, preserve moisture, and create a perimeter to prevent mowers and weed eaters from damaging the tree trunks.

Besides creating visual appeal and raising property value, urban tree canopy helps clean air, regulates storm water, and cools the climate. Do your part to preserve St. Matthews' tree canopy.

Your Works at Work

Stormy weather doesn't stop leaf collection

Despite the ice storm that interrupted leaf collection in 2018, your St. Matthews Public Works crew stayed on schedule. While making four rounds to pick up debris estimated to equal 300 cubic yards, leaf crews also collected enough leaves to fill 18 30-yard dumpsters. If you see a Public Work crew member, please thank them for all they do to keep our City one of kind.

Public Works Projects

Completed projects

- Planted, trimmed, watered, and mulched mulch beds throughout the City and various parks
- Installed drainage berm to protect low property along Trinity Hills ditch

- Repaired catch basin on Kennison and Hillsboro
- Performed drainage improvement study along Trinity Hills ditch

Current projects

- Construction for playground and restroom improvements at Brown Park scheduled for January–June 2019

Future projects

- Drainage Improvement Study on Winchester from Breckenridge to Browns Lane
- Drainage Improvement Study on St. Germaine
- Phased street sign replacement project throughout City
- Road widening of Primrose from Dellridge to Westport



Senior Care Experts Shred/Drug Toss Day May 11

Mark your calendar for May 11, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., when Senior Care Expert will hold its annual spring Shred/Drug Toss Day at their offices at 145 Thierman Lane. There is no charge for the event; donations are accepted.

Season's Greetings

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky meets every third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Until further notice, meetings will take place at the Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, in their lower level meeting room. The following meetings are open to the public:

February 23

Symposium at Bellarmine University. Lee J. Strang will speak on *Originalism's Promise: A*

Natural Law Account of Originalism. Note: Unlike the regular meetings that follow, this meeting takes place the fourth Saturday and will be held at Bellarmine University's Cralle Theatre in Wyatt Center for the Arts.

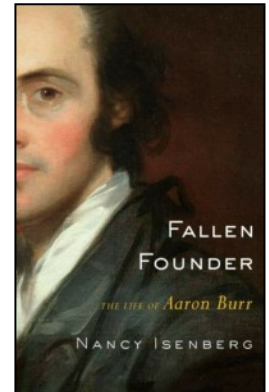
March 16

Dr. Richard Werking will speak on the subject, "The French Connection: Lafayette and his Countrymen in the American Revolution," relying chiefly on

the text, *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States*, by Sarah Vowell.

April 20

Jack Brammer will review *Fallen Founder: The Life of Aaron Burr*, by Nancy Isenberg.



Woman's Club of St. Matthews



The Woman's Club of St. Matthews meets at the St. Matthews Community Center, 310 Ten Pin Lane. The programs begin at 10:30 a.m. and are free and open to the public, unless stated otherwise. For more information, contact the club president at 425-0903.

February 11

A workshop will be held to create mini spring florals to be distributed to seniors and shut-

ins in our community. No experience required. All materials provided.

March 25

A program relating to the arts. Visit our website for details at www.wcsm.org/special-events/.

April 22

Come celebrate Derby, the Club's birthday, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs anniversary. A luncheon is planned with

activities. Reservation and luncheon fee required.

We look forward to meeting any woman in Kentuckiana who may be interested in joining our club. We are a friendly group and welcome new members. To learn more about the club and see some of the things we do, visit our informative website at www.wcsm.org, or contact our membership chair, Diane Buddell, at 502-895-7305.



Sign up for Reach Alert notifications

St. Matthews would like to better communicate with you by providing immediate information regarding a number of potential situations. If you register for REACH Alert, you will be able to receive

messages from the City via multiple formats.

To register, go to www.reachalert.com and click on the blue text, "Create an account." When prompted, please use the following information to

register for our Network: Network Name: St. Matthews (city); Role: Resident or Business; Address: Enter address in first box and street name in the second box.



St. Matthews-Eline Library: Check it out!



Closed for renovation

The St. Matthews Library is currently closed for renovations.

Patrons are encouraged to visit the Crescent Hill or Middletown branches—or any of our area locations—during construction. For our patrons’ convenience, the Middletown Library is offering Sunday hours from 1–5 p.m. until St. Matthews reopens this spring.

Storytimes still meeting

Storytimes will continue to be held at the St Matthews

Community Center, 310 Ten Pin Lane, until the branch reopens. Toddler Storytimes are Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Preschool Storytime is Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. and Baby Storytime is Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

Remember to check the Library’s website at www.lfpl.org for the most up to date information.

Good Neighboring

Winter neighbors

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

After heavy snowfalls and when sidewalks are icy, St. Matthews residents must carry garbage cans out to the street for pickup. Sign up for Reach Alert for changes in pick up schedules.



Always keep essentials at hand in the event that utilities are disrupted

during a snowstorm. You will be able to take care of your family and perhaps help older neighbors who are homebound. Some supplies to gather ahead of time include:

- Food for three days – focus on dry and canned goods

- Manual can opener
 - Water for three days – include one gallon of water per person, per day
 - Battery operated or hand crank all-hazard radio
 - Flashlights
 - Extra batteries for radio and flashlight
 - Extra clothing, warm blankets, and sleeping bags for insulation
 - First aid kit
 - Solar or car charger for cell phone
 - Special items such as baby formula, insulin, and other prescription medications
- Some residents may consider buying a generator with their neighbors and sharing the power.

Report potholes

To report a pothole, call City Hall at 895-9444 or use the City’s website contact page. If the pothole is in Louisville, dial 311.

Post house numbers

Making sure your house number can easily be read from the street

can be a life-saving action. The best place to post house numbers is above the front door and within the radius of the porch light, but any location close to the door and above eye level is good.

Drive by your house and see if you can read the numbers from the street. If you can’t, it’s likely that a police officer, EMS respondent, or fire fighter will not be able to read it in the event of an emergency.



Street lights

Working street lights are especially important during winter months when children are crossing streets to get to school and daylight hours are shorter. Report a street light that is out or that is burning all day to 895-9444.

Hot Off the Press

Preventing home fires

Most fires are started by actions that can easily be prevented.

Cooking equipment

Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries. If you have a cooking fire, leave the house immediately and close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

Keep a lid nearby when cooking to smother small grease fires. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Smoking

Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths. If you smoke, do it outside. Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants, or landscaping that can ignite easily. Most deaths result from fires that start in family rooms or bedrooms, often from

smokers falling asleep in a recliner or in bed.

Heating equipment

The second most common cause of home fire deaths is heating equipment. Four out of five home fire deaths are caused by space heaters. If you



must use space heaters, make sure they stand clear of combustibles such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding. Please also remember to clean your chimney, as creosote can build up and cause a fire.

Candles

Candles are frequent fire starters. Never place a candle

near combustible material, or leave a candle burning when you are asleep or not in the room.

Smoke alarms

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Therefore, it is important to install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area and on every floor.

Test your smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button. Batteries should be replaced twice a year. A good suggestion is to replace them when the time changes in the spring and fall. The entire smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years.

If you have questions about fire prevention, contact the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 893-7825.

St. MAM volunteers needed



St. Matthews Area Ministries has the following volunteer opportunities:

- Folding newsletters once a quarter

- Picking up donations from retail partners Monday through Friday mornings
- Preparing food bags for homebound persons
- Delivering food to homebound persons on the fourth Tuesday and Wednesday of the month (background checks and copy of car

insurance required)

- Substitute volunteers who can volunteer once in a while when regular volunteers are out.

For more information, contact Suzanne DeGregorio at 893-0205 or Suzanne DeGregorio@stmam.com.

City Council changes

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two of her own—a sophomore in college and a ten year old who she was privileged to foster.

Olson said she decided to run for City Council “quite simply because I wanted to serve my community.” Since she took her oath in December, she has learned a great deal. She hopes to serve St. Matthews residents “by being present, working hard, and not taking the opportunity for granted.”

Shaun McKiernan was appointed by the City Council to serve after Council member Martha Schade’s passing in February of 2017 and served until December 2018. “My wife, Ashley, heard that the City was accepting applications and encouraged me to apply. I was honored to be chosen and to serve with such a great group,”

he said.

A budget analyst and fiscal manager with the Executive branch of state government for 17 years, McKiernan said it was an interesting change to be in a legislative role on the City Council.

McKiernan served on the Council’s insurance committee and was proud to help keep the City’s insurance costs from going up. Other projects close to his heart were the much-needed sidewalk on Massie near St. Matthews Episcopal Church, improvements to the parks, and the expansion of the St. Matthews–Eline Library and renovation of City Hall.

A great memory for McKiernan was bringing neighbors together and handing out candy with his two sons at Halloween in Brown Park. He said he won’t forget his



Outgoing Councilman Shaun McKiernan (left) is recognized by Mayor Rick Tonini for services to the City of St. Matthews.

time in public service and, as is with most who come to love serving, he will do his part again if the timing is right and others believe he can be of help.

Hometown History - 2019

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The photo on page 2 features property owned by Frank Meisner, a potato and corn farmer. According to St. Matthews—The Crossroads of Beargrass by Samuel W. Thomas, Meisner kept cows in the barn and mules in the attached sheds. The property had two fields that were divided front to back by a grove of mostly pears trees.

NOW

The farmer’s land is now the location of the Shelbyville Road Plaza. The house would now sit in the parking lot between the Nike Store and U.S. Post Office, or where the old Burlington Coat Factory was located, for those who remember the Plaza many years ago. There were about a half dozen tombstones with faded markings on the property prior to construction of the Plaza. The graves were moved with the permission of the Meisner family .



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**Your Elected Officials for
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Mayor Richard J. Tonini

City Council

Bernard Bowling

Cathi Clark

Frank Flynn

Tim Holland

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

Amy Olson

Tony Weiter

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.

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.

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

Emergency: 911

