



St. Matthews Living

City of St. Matthews
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F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MAY 2019

Renovated St. Matthews Library set to reopen May 9

One of the busiest branches in the Louisville Free Public Library system will re-open its doors after nearly nine months of renovations. Starting Thursday, May 9, the newly expanded St. Matthews Library—located at 3940 Grandview Avenue—will become the fourth largest public library in Louisville.

With 7,800 square feet of additional space, the now 19,000-square-foot library will house more than 70,000 books and feature a large meeting room with seating for 100, a small conference room, a space for teens, an outdoor children's area, and new technology—including self-checkout stations. A new entrance with glass façade will fill the space

with an abundance of natural light, and services will be on one level for easy access for all members of the community.

Renovation of the St. Matthews Library was spearheaded by St. Matthews Mayor Rick Tonini and the St. Matthews City Council as part of a comprehensive \$10 million project to remodel the St. Matthews city hall and police headquarters. Louisville Metro Government contributed \$1 million towards the library portion of the project.

"Four years ago we met with library officials about 'freshening up' the St. Matthews Eline Library," said St. Matthews Mayor Rick

Tonini. "Our discussions turned from new paint to a new building. Now we are about to cut the ribbon on a greatly expanded venue that will serve people of all ages. There are more books and materials checked out at this branch than any library in the LFPL system. We are excited to see the use grow for the entire community."



The main area of the St. Matthews branch of the Louisville Free Public Library is being prepared for its grand reopening on May 9.

CHECK IT OUT

When the library opens on May 9, the current collection of books will be valued at \$1,162,130. The current technology on opening day will be valued at \$174,385.

Opening Day Materials Include:

- Audio Book Discs – 4,882
- Blu-ray DVDs – 578
- Books – 44,657
- DVDs – 4,534
- Large Type Books – 2,837
- Media Players – 524
- Music CDs – 1,824
- Paperbacks – 9,515
- Periodicals – 102
- Serials – 83

During the 12 month period from August 2017 to August 2018, at which time the St. Matthews branch closed for renovations, 400,633 visitors came through the front door. This does not count those who entered the library from City Hall, where there was no counter. The Middletown Library was the next busiest branch with a count of 373,773 patrons in 2018.

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A Message From...

One of the City's main goals is to keep residents informed about what is happening in St. Matthews, whether that news be municipal or community

related. Because the newsletter is only printed quarterly, please visit the City website at www.stmatthews-ky.gov under Current Events

and Notices, for news that occurs between newsletter publications.

Jordan Weiter crowned Miss Kentucky USA



Kentucky, Jordan was born and raised in St. Matthews, graduating from Assumption High School in 2015. She is enrolled in U.K.'s honors program and has been admitted into the National Mechanical Engineering

Honor Society. Jordan is the younger of two daughters of Tony Weiter and Sharon Handy.

"Jordan has always been a hard worker," said Councilman Weiter. "This is the first time

she has ever been in this type of contest, but she made the effort, and I'm proud of her and happy for her."

On May 2, Jordan will represent Kentucky in the Miss USA contest, which will air on FOX from 8–10 p.m.

Jordan is passionate about education and empowering women and, if chosen as Miss USA, will advocate for education of STEM related fields for women in the U.S. and third world countries.

Jordan Weiter, daughter of St. Matthews City Councilman Tony Weiter, was crowned Miss Kentucky USA this past January.

A Mechanical Engineering student at the University of

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



You may think industrial wastes account for most water pollution, but more than 60 percent is

actually from sources closer to home—like oil leaking from cars, fertilizers from lawns and gardens, and human waste from failing septic tanks. How can you fertilize your lawn, landscaping, and garden without contributing to

water pollution? Use fertilizers sparingly. Most plants don't need as much fertilizer as you might think. And most people use more than necessary, and more than the directions call for.

You might want to have your soil tested for nutrient status. Use a mulching



mower. Don't feed your plants when meteorologists are predicting rain. Consider using organic fertilizers; they release nutrients more slowly.

Use commercially available compost or make your own from garden waste. If you mix compost with your soil, your plants will need less chemical fertilizer. Be sure to store all fertilizers and pesticides in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

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 the address in first box and the street name in the second box.

Keep safe and informed by getting connected with your City!



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



Awards banquet recognizes achievement

The first annual St. Matthews Police Department Awards Banquet was held March 30 in the St. Matthews Community Center. Those who attended were treated to delicious food prepared by Dining by Gabor, whose chef, Gabor Greffer, is a member of St. Matthews Fire & Rescue.

Chief Barry Wilkerson issued the awards that follow.

Certificates of Appreciation, for those community partners who support the mission of the SMPD, went to Gould's Discount Medical, Mall St. Matthews, St. Matthews Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Matthews Fire & Rescue, and Tony's Wreckers.

Lifetime Achievement awards went to former SMPD members Norbourne "Skip" Thorpe (1975-1987), Claude Combest (1958-1969), and Chief Norm Mayer (1988-2017).

The award for *Firearms Expert* for maintaining a 95% average during spring and fall firearms qualifications in 2018, was granted to 16 officers.

Meritorious Unit Citations were bestowed upon the Criminal Investigations Platoon and the St. Matthews Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART).

Meritorious Service awards went to Officer

Troy Armstrong (School Resource Officer at Waggener High School), Officer John Hackel (Special Response Team), Dispatcher Jennifer Newman (Communications Center), and Officer Barbara Shepard (Patrol).

Life-Saving awards were conferred on Officer John Hackel, Officer George Jetter, Sergeant Eddie Parsons, and Officer Scott Ratliff for saving a man from jumping off the 7th floor of a hospital parking garage.

The *Medal of Valor* was issued to Sergeant Jeff Hancock, Officer Larry Cushman, Officer Sean Hayden, Officer Andy Holden, and Officer Ed Loudon for engaging an armed subject who fired shots and to Officer Debbie Marasa and Officer Scott Ratliff for their response to a homicide scene and attempt to save the shooting victim's life.

New officers join SMPD

On March 12, five new officers were sworn in at the City council meeting, including Mike Coty, Vadim Dale, Chris Frisby, Brad Harris, and Charles Robinson III. Officer Lisa Doyle

was sworn in on April 9. These six officers bring a vast amount of experience with them to the SMPD.

Officer Mike Coty's experience includes 11 years with the U.S. Navy, where he worked as a deep sea diver, 2 years with the Radcliff Police Department and 9 years with Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD), where he was assigned to Patrol, FLEX (street-level narcotics team), SWAT, and as an instructor at the Training Academy. Officer Coty spent the last 9 years in Afghanistan training and assisting the Afghan National Civil Order Police in their fight against the Taliban, and in Baghdad, Iraq, providing personal protective services for U.S. State Department officials.

Officer Vadim Dale is originally from Melbourne, Australia. With LMPD nearly 10 years, he served as a Patrol Officer, SWAT Member, Fugitive Detective, U.S. Marshal, and Public Information Officer.

Officer Lisa Doyle has been in law enforcement for 28 years, beginning her career with the U.S. Army in 1987. Prior to joining the LMPD in 1999, she was a social worker assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit. Officer Doyle retired from the Louisville Metro Police Department in 2015. She holds a Masters Degree from the University of Louisville and is a volunteer and mentor with

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Family Scholar House, an organization that seeks to end the cycle of poverty by empowering individuals through education.

Officer Chris Frisby is a graduate of Morehead State University, and has served with LMPD since 2010, working in the 2nd Division, Viper Unit, and the 9th Mobile Division major case/LMINTEL task force. While on assignment with the 9th Mobile Division, he was sworn in as a FBI task force officer.

Officer Brad Harris is a 2nd generation police officer who has served the Louisville Metro community for 28 years. During that time, he served as a SWAT team member and entry team leader, a Field Training Officer, a K9 officer, a district-level narcotics detective, and has performed interim sergeant duties.

Officer Charles Robinson III has served LMPD for more than 20 years, retiring in 2018 as a sergeant in the 8th Division. During his career he has patrolled

almost the entirety of the city. He has served on the Peer Support Team, traveled to Mexico to learn Spanish through the immersion program, and has traveled throughout the state conducting underwater search and recovery operations for the Louisville Metro Dive team, where he was the Team 1 Commander.



Clockwise from top left: Mayor Rick Tonini, Chief Barry Wilkerson, and Major Eddie Jones present Skip Thorpe with the Lifetime Achievement award; Medal of Valor winners Officer Scott Ratliff and Officer Debbie Marasa pose with the mayor and SMPD superiors; Medal of Valor winners Officer Larry Cushman, retired Sergeant Pat Hayden (accepting for his son, Sean Hayden), Officer Ed Loudon, Officer Andy Holden, and Sergeant Jeff Hancock receive certificates from the mayor and their superiors.

Crime Buzz

Prevent crime

SMPD wants to remind area residents to be careful as the weather gets warmer. Warmer temperatures are often accompanied with an increase in crime.

Residents are encouraged to take the following steps to protect their belongings:

- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Close and lock doors and windows when you aren't at home.
- Close and lock garage and shed doors.
- Lock doors while you are doing yard work.
- Keep outside lights on or install motion detector lights around your house.
- Trim landscaping and avoid clutter to minimize hiding places.

Criminals often focus on small items that can be easily

concealed and transported. Vehicle thefts take place most often with cars that are left unlocked or parked in isolated areas.

Report suspicious activities to the St. Matthews Police Department dispatch at 893-9000 or 911 for an emergency.

Internet safe zone open



The Internet Safe Exchange Zone is still available on the City Hall campus during 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.

Code Words

The City has adopted a new ordinance placing a time limit on leaving garbage cans at the curb. Ordinance 50.01(F) states: "It shall be unlawful to set out for curb-side collection, garbage, yard waste, recycling, large items, limbs, or junk more than 24 hours in advance of the

normal collection date. Any carts, cans or containers must be moved back from the curb to the principal structure or garage within 24 hours after collection."

The ordinance also says that items that were not collected or were refused for collection

must be removed from the curb and brought back to the residence within 24 hours of the pickup that was intended to collect it. The City may grant additional time for items set out for "Bagster" type collections, as long as the resident can show the "Bagster" was properly loaded, placed in the correct location, and that the collection company has been notified in a timely manner to make the pickup.



Park Place

Voll Field nears completion

Though the new Voll Field is awaiting some finishing touches, Trinity High School baseball



Newly built Voll Field, looking down first base line.

players conducted a clinic for St. Matthews Little League players on March 24, and St. Matthews Little League held their opening day there on April 13.

The City of St. Matthews and Trinity High School agreed to build the \$3 million facility to benefit both the Trinity Shamrocks baseball team and St. Matthews Little League. The school has a long-term lease with

the City that includes paying rent and an annual maintenance fee. The field is named for Ray Voll, a long-time supporter of the league and of Trinity.

The new stadium is handicapped accessible and features 500 bleacher seats with backs, an 80-person standing room only mezzanine at the top of the grandstand, and a climate-controlled press box.

The field includes LED lighting and LED score board, an artificial surface designed specifically for baseball, and will eventually include a video display monitor. Dugouts are professional-sized, contain custom made bat and helmet storage, and are connected to off-field bullpens.

Other features include "no pole" double batting cages with artificial surfaces, a berm area for lawn chairs and a sidewalk area along the third base line, as well

as a concrete drive for emergency vehicles.



The new stadium boasts 500 bleacher seats and a standing room only area.



Mayor Rick Tonini and Council members Amy Olson, Tony Weiter, and Mary Jo Nay represent the City of St. Matthews on the day of the clinic.



Trinity High School baseball team members conduct a clinic for St. Matthews Little Leaguers on the artificial turf at Voll Field.



St. Matthews' own Trinity High School Shamrocks won the state high school basketball championship in a 50-40 victory over Scott County. Here, Trinity Coach Mike Szabo poses with the trophy.

--Photo by: F. Scott Scinta, Smashgraphix.

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:

May 18

Dr. Patricia Dillon will review *American Dialog: The Founders and Us*, by Joseph Ellis.

June 15

Dr. William Nash will review *Heirs of the Founders: The Epic Rivalry of Henry Clay, John Calhoun, and Daniel Webster*,

the Second Generation of American Giants, by H. W. Brands.

July 20

Mark Webster will review *Democracy in America*, by Alexis de Tocqueville, translated by Arthur Goldhammer.

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.

May 20

The club will hold its annual Scholarship Awards program, where it will confer \$18,000 in college scholarships on area graduating seniors and on one

adult woman returning to college after an absence.

In addition, the program will include a Federation Celebration, commemorating the club's anniversary as a state and international federated club with a special speaker from the Executive Board of the Kentucky General Federation of Women's Clubs. A reservation and luncheon fee is required.

June 24

A trip to Bowman Field is planned. Mr. Rick Tabb will

give a tour of the airfield as well as some history. Reservations are 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 the membership chair, Diane Buddell, at 502-897-1075.

Shakespeare in the Parks Tour comes to St. Matthews



Double, double toil and trouble. The City of St. Matthews is proud to sponsor the Kentucky Shakespeare in the Parks Tour, which will bring its six actor, 90-minute production of *Macbeth* to the St. Matthews City Hall parking lot on

Saturday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held inside the St. Matthews Community Center at 310 Ten Pin Lane.

Annual street fair set for August 3

The St. Matthews Street Festival, hosted the first Saturday in August, is a free one-day community event produced by The Chamber of St. Matthews. This Festival celebrates the shops, restaurants, and services of the area. Running from 11 a.m.–10 p.m., the event is family-friendly. The Kids Zone, sponsored by St. Matthews Baptist Church, will have games, activities, inflatables, and vendors that provide services for children and their families.

There is a main stage with music including headlining acts, The Rumors and Wax Factory, as well as a short fireworks show to close the event.

The festival will also feature a vendors section that will include booths for local businesses and non-profits.

More information will be coming in next quarter's newsletter or you may go to www.stmatthewsstreetfestival.com.



Join Senior Care Experts for two upcoming events

Document shredding

On May 11, from 9 a.m.–noon, Senior Care Experts will hold a confidential document destruction at 145 Thierman Lane. Metro Police will be on hand to accept expired prescription medication.

Sipp'n for Seniors

On June 19, Senior Care will hold its Sipp'n Seniors event from 5–8 p.m. at The Olmstead, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. Sponsorship

opportunities are available. For more information, contact Patty Dissell at 896-2316 or pdissell@srcareexperts.org.



Sipp'n for Seniors

June 19, 2019

5:00 - 8:00 pm

The Olmstead

Advanced Ticket Pricing

\$65 per ticket or \$125 for 2 tickets

Sponsorships Available

Good Neighboring

Pet care

St. Matthews has a leash law requiring pet owners to keep their cats, dogs, and other pets 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. Owners may not substitute an electric collar for a leash.

Sidewalks

Sidewalks are built for the use of pedestrians. When they are blocked, pedestrians are forced to walk in the street or on someone's private property. Neither cars nor motorcycles should be parked either partially or fully on sidewalks or in such a way that blocks a sidewalk from

use. Likewise, debris should not be stacked on sidewalks.

Slow down!

This time of year, St. Matthews neighborhoods are filled with children playing outdoors, making it especially important to obey traffic laws. Observe speed limits and come to a full stop at signals and stop signs.

Hot Off the Press



The St. Matthews Fire Department is asking residents to mark their calendars for October 12, 2019 to help celebrate the organization's centennial anniversary. Formed in 1919 as the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association, the words and actions of the original 15

volunteers inspired what was to become one of the most innovative and dedicated fire services in Kentucky.

The Fire Department's Reunion Committee is planning a grand celebration and is inviting the entire community, along with all past members and their families to celebrate this milestone. Further details will be released as October 12 approaches.

For all Fire Department information, visit the department's newly designed website at www.stmatthewsfd.com. For "Breaking News," including SMFD dispatch notifications, you can follow St. Matthews Fire on Twitter @STMFD.

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

St. Matthews-Eline Library: Check it out!



Returning to the St. Matthews Eline Library beginning June 1, a FREE computer tune-up repair service will be offered

the first Saturday of the month from 1-4 p.m. Help will be limited to the first five persons to make a reservation at

taylor_rae@hotmail.com. Participants should bring a mouse and charger if they have a laptop.

Your Works at Work

Projects for this period are as follows:

Completed Projects

- Removed storm debris from multiple winter and spring storms.
- Treated roads during two snow events.
- Conducted drainage improvement study along Trinity Hills ditch.
- Placed new wood chips at Community Center Park playground.

Current Projects

- Playground and restroom improvements at Brown Park. Design complete. Construction scheduled for completion in June 2019.

- Conduct drainage improvement study in the 4000 block of Winchester Road.
- Conduct drainage improvement study in the 3600 block of St. Germaine Court.
- Project scope in progress for Trinity Hills ditch.
- Sidewalk tripping hazard elimination project.
- Phased in street sign replacement project through the City.
- Stump grinding and replanting street trees in public right of ways.

Future Projects

- Sprucing up the parks: Crews are active in cleaning up landscaped areas, re-mulching, and planting trees. A large amount of storm debris was deposited in the park following winter and spring floods. The saturated soil has hindered the ability to get equipment on site, but it will be cleaned up.
- Road widening of Primrose from Dellridge to Westport Road.
- Removal and replanting of street trees along Bowling Boulevard.

St. Matthews Library

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"Lifelong learning is one of our city's core values, and our investment in the Louisville Free Public Library system is a tangible sign of that commitment," said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. "I am excited about the amazing resources the expanded St. Matthews Library is going to provide for our citizens, and I am thankful to Mayor Tonini and the City of St. Matthews for the wonderful partnership that made this happen."

The community is invited to come celebrate the grand opening with Mayor Tonini and Mayor Fischer on Thursday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. There will be tours of the library, refreshments, and activities for the whole family. The grand opening event is free and open to the public.



A portion of the children's area of the St. Matthews-Eline Library is depicted during set up.

St. MAM Golf Classic needs golfers and volunteers



St. Matthews Area Ministries is holding a golf event on May 13 to raise funds for their organization.

The St. MAM Golf Classic will be held at Wildwood Country Club at 5000 Bardstown Road. The day includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, dinner, a silent auction, as well as awards and various prizes. To register or volunteer, contact Julie Abbott at 893-0205 or JulieAbbott@stmam.com.

Volunteers are also needed to fold newsletters once a quarter, pick up donations from retail partners, prepare and deliver food to homebound persons, and act as a substitute for regular volunteers. For more information, contact Suzanne DeGregorio at 893-0205 or SuzanneDeGregorio@stmam.com.

Hometown History - 2019

THEN

The photo on page 2 depicts Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church's original building, located at 118 Bauer Avenue since 1914. A new building was built at 311 Browns Lane, where the growing congregation moved in 1952.

NOW

Today, the old church building on Bauer Avenue is occupied by Conner's Flooring & Home Solutions.



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the City of St. Matthews:**

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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.

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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

