



Stay Informed With These City of St. Matthews Communications Tools

How interested are you in knowing what is going on in your particular neighborhood, or within the City of St. Matthews? Are you a person who always wants to be informed and updated, or do you prefer to just go with the flow and not be bothered with most of what is happening around you? If you relate to the latter person, stop reading this article NOW. As for the rest of you, who prefer to be made aware of news that can affect your lifestyle, health, and safety, *read on.*

The City of St. Matthews works diligently to keep open communication between city government and its residents and businesses. City leaders know that communication is a key element in making your city a great place to live, work, and play. Therefore, city government has in place several avenues to execute accurate communications to those who desire to be up-to-date.

Reach Alert

In August of 2015, the city added an innovative avenue of communications, St. Matthews (city) Free Reach Alert messaging, available to anyone, both residential and commercial. Reach Alert allows the city to dispatch messages of importance in real time, on an as-needed basis, to those who are registered, which takes less than one minute to sign up.

How important is it to you to be aware of these possible scenarios:

- An active police incident is taking place on your street. Would you prefer to have critical information communicated to you by phone or electronically, or would you prefer to step out of your house to see what's going on and place yourself, and possibly others, in danger?
- A railroad crossing is being closed for repair, or experiences a train wreck or derailment causing the area to be locked down, streets closed, or worse, a toxic spill from the incident. Are you interested?
- The St. Matthews Police suspect that an armed and dangerous criminal may be in the area of your home or work, a warning of specific crime trends are happening in your area, or a missing senior, child, or person with special needs or dementia needs to be found and your help is needed. Are you concerned?
- A major traffic event such as a massive wreck on a major road, numerous traffic signals out due to widespread power outages, a street will be closed suddenly or for an anticipated upcoming repair, or your street will be closed for several hours for a charity 5k walk/run event, resulting in no vehicle access



- in or out, causing you to be unable to leave or return to your property by automobile during that time period. Is this important to you?
- Marches or protests may be happening in your area, and a curfew or other citywide decree is temporally put in place for the safety of city residents and visitors. Would you want to know?

Reach alert users can opt to receive reminder messages such as:

- Your garbage will be picked up one day later, because of a holiday, or your garbage will not be picked up due to an unforeseen circumstance?
- The 40% tax discount on property tax is nearing the deadline.
- City happenings, such as the annual Street Festival, Halloween in Brown Park, Light Up St. Matthews, Police National Night Out, Chamber Free Movies in the Park, Shakespeare in the Park, Little League Ball Parade, or a drug disposal/shred event.

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A Message From...

St. Matthews receives American Rescue Funds

The City of St. Matthews received federal monies as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This will benefit city residents in many ways, as the funds will allow city government to implement necessary projects to focus on neighborhood drainage issues, improve roadways, upgrade and develop sidewalks, and address other needs throughout the city.

In addition, following the example of other area cities, the ARPA funding allowed the city council to authorize the mayor to issue city employees a onetime pandemic premium pay for their dedicated service to the city and its residents. During the Covid-19 pandemic, these employees made many concessions while carrying out their respective jobs, continuing to give quality service, during such challenging times. Watch for the ARPA funding improvement projects in and around our city neighborhoods.



NO Door-to-door Solicitation continues

Door-to-door solicitation in the city has been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If residents see a solicitor or are approached by one, they should call SMPD at 893-9000 and report them. Please give a detailed description, direction the solicitor is headed, and, if possible, a description of their vehicle and the name of the business they are representing.

Show pride in your community by displaying the official St. Matthews sticker on your vehicle!

Free stickers are available at City Hall.



Hometown History Mystery



Photo credit: *St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas (Photo 1923)

This feature spotlights a moment in time when our City looked a lot different. Where do you think this photo was taken? See page 8 to solve this issue's Hometown History Mystery.

Green Up!

Reminder: The City offers a "green up" program where the City will remove existing vehicle pull-off and restore the area to grass. Contact City Hall for more info.

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.

Chamber Community Service Award



L to R: Tony Threats, Virginia Hart, Terry Ridgeway and Mayor Tonini

The annual meeting for The Chamber of St. Matthews is a themed event and members were encouraged to dress up as storybook characters to celebrate the theme of this year's event which was "Happily Ever After." There was a giant storybook on stage with the words, "Once Upon A Time" which begins all good stories.

It was a great backdrop to celebrate Terry Ridgeway, St. Matthews public works supervisor, who was honored with the Community Service Award.

The presenter stated, "Our Community Service Award recognizes those who serve the public. These individuals not only meet the needs of our community but also ensure we can enjoy our daily lives in a safe manner."

"This year, we are honored to present this award to someone who has devoted 45

years to The City of St. Matthews. This person not only oversees all the maintenance and repairs for the city but also ensures the streets are usable and passable from potholes to storm damage, to even plowing during the snow season.

He is also very involved in making sure community events like Halloween in Brown Park and Light Up St. Matthews have adequate assistance from the works department. We, as a Chamber,

appreciate all he does for us!"
Congratulations to Terry!

Chamber Promotions

- **Josh Suiter** formerly Director of Membership and Business Relations is now Chief Executive Officer
- **Elizabeth Cleary** former Director of Operations and Community Programs has been named Chief Operating Officer
- **Kristen Frarey** former Director of Programs is promoted to Senior Director of Member Engagement



Community Events

New family-friendly event coming soon from the Chamber—stay tuned!
Movies in the Park is returning! Watch for dates and times to be announced.

The 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. In-person meetings will be held in the Artisan Room in the Meadow Building of The Masonic Home, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. Please use precautions to stay safe from Covid-19.

We will also stream the meetings on Zoom. To participate via Zoom, please let us know by email (lauvepoche@att.net) and we will send you the invitation needed to sign in.

May 21, 2022

Dr. Lee Alan Dugatkin
*How to Tame a Fox
(and Build a Dog)*
By Lee Dugatkin and
Lyudmila Trut



June 18, 2022

Mark Webster
*American Slavery,
American Freedom
The Ordeal of Colonial
Virginia*
By Edmund S. Morgan



July 16, 2022

AHHS members Gilbert Brunnhoffer and Richard Werking will have a joint presentation: "A Moderated Conversation Between The Ghosts Of Burr And Hamilton"

What prompted Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton, both with rising stars in law and politics, to get out of bed before dawn on July 11, 1804, to row across the Hudson River, climb the steep palisades and attempt to shoot each other before breakfast? Join us 218 years after the famous duel for some answers and, almost certainly, even more questions.

Fire Safety This Spring and Summer



Fire Safety Tips for Children

Summer is coming and children will be home. Keep them and your family safe by talking to your child about fire prevention. As a general rule, children five and under should be given clear and regularly repeated instructions on what they should and shouldn't do. Then, once they're older, you can go

into more detail and explain why.

It's also important to remember that children tend to forget things easily, so you must make sure you go through fire safety rules regularly and enforce them in everyday life.

Spring means we change our clocks forward one hour. It is also a good reminder to check the batteries or replace an old smoke detector. It would be a great safety measure to install a carbon monoxide detector in your home, if you don't already have one. Test your smoke detectors once each month.

Fire Escape Plan

Practice with your children your home fire escape plan. If you don't have one, make one! It only takes minutes, but they could be minutes that save your life one day.

Spring Cleaning Fire Prevention Tips:

Dryer vents – Before starting, unplug the dryer. Next, detach the dryer vent hose from the wall, cleaning the hose and vent cover. Lastly, carefully reattach the hose and plug the dryer back in. Don't forget to clean your exterior vent also.

Electrical cords – Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.

Questions? Call the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 502-893-7825. They have the experience you need.

Source: <https://www.scutumlondon.co.uk/> and <https://pennfire.org/>

Code Words For Spring



Spring has sprung! St. Matthews residents can be ready by checking the condition of lawn and outside maintenance equipment. Having a lawn mower serviced, the blade replaced or sharpened, and checking on pruning and cutting tools will make yard work easier during the growing season.

What does this have to do with "Code Words?" Well, one of the most common complaints received this time of year is that someone is not keeping up with their grass or other plant growth. The majority of our residents

regularly keep their grass cut, but circumstances have led to the grass on a resident's property exceeding the 8-inch height limit set by city code. After receiving

a call about the property, Code Enforcement does a site inspection. If there is a violation, the Code Enforcement Officer will attempt to contact the resident and/or owner of the property to have the grass cut. If no one can be contacted or the request is not acted upon quickly, a formal notice of violation (including penalties for noncompliance) is sent to the property owner. Most often, this step is not necessary because most of our citizens act quickly to rectify the situation.

Not as widely understood is the obligation of property owners to keep grass cut and to remove any voluntary growth in easements and adjoining public alleys, whether the alley has been improved or not.

Many of the drainage facilities within the city are in easements, and this means that the property owner is responsible for keeping the easement area free of any trees, shrubs, or other growth unless specifically authorized by the City. Of course, depositing of any kind of material in the easement is not allowed. The failure of property owners to maintain these areas is more often an issue than is high grass in the yard itself.

Do your part by making a conscious effort to keep St. Matthews a beautiful place.

Spring and Summer Safety Tips

Vehicles

- Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended—it is against the law.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended with its windows down or doors unlocked. Secure your vehicle at all times, even at home!
- If your vehicle is parked outside overnight, be sure to keep it in a well-lit area as a deterrent.
- Make sure all valuables are out of sight or removed from your vehicle.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. It only takes minutes for deadly consequences to occur.
- Be on the lookout for motorcycles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Vacation Watch

- If you are going out of town, you can notify the St. Matthews Police Department and set up a house watch.
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure.

- Stop your mail or have family/friends retrieve it for you.
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity inside. Exterior motion sensor lighting can aid in deterring crime.
- Keep valuables away from public view through a window. Place valuables in a safe if possible.
- Do not post your vacation plans on social media.

Bike Riding

- Check your bike to make sure the tires are inflated, and the brakes are working. Put reflectors on the front and back of your bike.
- Wear your safety helmet and pads for protection.
- If you ride on the street, keep to the right and follow all traffic signs.
- Be on the lookout for traffic, yield to vehicles, and signal when turning.
- Use the crosswalks and yield to pedestrians. If you have to cross at an intersection, look both ways and



walk your bike to the other side.

- Stay alert and watch out for hazards.
- When you park your bike, make sure you lock it up.
- Register your bike and serial number with the Police Department.

Visiting Our St. Matthews Parks

- Make sure to lock your vehicles.
- Put your valuables in the trunk or a secure location.
- Be mindful of park hours.
- Make sure you stay hydrated.
- Stay on the designated pathways.
- Please clean up after yourself and your animals.

Crime Buzz

- Property crime declined last year; however, violent crime is trending upward, but in isolated areas.
- Catalytic converter thefts are still occurring.
- Vehicle break-ins increase in the summer months. Be aware!
- Phone scams, email scams, and identity theft are rapidly increasing.
- Be aware of anything suspicious
- Law enforcement will not ask for green dot cards, general gift cards, or money over the phone.
- Verify with other relatives or officials if someone calls about a relative being in trouble or is in jail.
- If dropping mail into a mailbox, make sure it drops completely into the box.

Reach Alert

Members of the St. Matthews Police Department will be visiting businesses throughout the Spring and Summer to inform them of the REACH Alert system. We want all of our residents and businesses to be informed of events and incidents which may occur in and about the city. This system allows for immediate alerts so you can take appropriate action.

Call the St. Matthews Police

Please call the St. Matthews police if you see anything suspicious. Our Department wants to know what is happening in your neighborhood and you can help be the “eyes and ears” for us. Our “Report Speeding” tab on



our website is not viewed immediately and may not be seen until the next day. If you need us, CALL US at 502-893-9000.

St. Matthews Team Highlights

Greg Crabb, Administration



Director of Information Technology Greg Crabb manages all aspects of information technology (IT) for City Hall, Public Works

and the Police Department. He has only been on the job since November, but prior to that, he worked for the St. Matthews Fire Department for 23 years. Having a bachelor's degree in fire science, Greg worked as a firefighter but always had an interest in computers. The Fire Department management learned of this and paid for his continuing education in information technology, while he worked for them in IT. Greg has an MBA in human resources and also earned a bachelor's degree in information technology. A native Louisvillian, Greg is married to a teacher and has three children ages 5, 8 and 12. Greg says that his favorite part of his position is "getting to help solve problems all of the time."

Danny Webb, Public Works



An 11-year Public Works employee, Danny says that he likes just about everything about his job, with

the exception of leaf collection as it can get very dusty. A native Louisvillian, Danny has worked in construction prior to working for the city. He has built houses and been self-employed as a general contractor. Danny says that he "does a little bit of everything" at work, including snow removal, repairing potholes, irrigation and carpentry work. Danny has been married for nine years and has two stepsons, two stepdaughters, and a "bunch of grandchildren who come over all the time," which he enjoys. When he is not working or playing with grandchildren, Danny likes to fish and just relax at home.

John Sanders, Police Dept.



John Sanders is a Second Platoon Sergeant of the mid-watch platoon. He supervises the four officers from that watch and is also a firearms instructor and trainer. A five-year employee

of the St. Matthews Police Department, John also worked for 21 years with the Louisville Metro Police Department and two years with the Sheperdsville Police Dpeartment. John, who has a bachelor's degree in police administration from the University of Louisville, felt that St. Matthews offered a great opportunity and it was close to home. John says that, "We have exceptional employees—their professionalism, courtesy and willingness to go above and beyond makes my job easy. They do what they can to desescalate situations and are always willing to step in and help out." His favorite part of the job is getting to interact with kids he sees out on patrol, and getting a smile and wave from them. John is a Louisville native and has been married to his wife Becky for 23 years. They enjoy traveling and being outdoors. Their favorite place to visit is the Rocky Mountains.

Easy Being Green

All mattresses and cloth sofas, placed outside for pick up by Rumpke, the City's trash and recycling provider, must be completely wrapped in plastic or they will not be hauled away. A recycling trick for mattresses is to use the plastic from the new mattress to wrap up the old one.

Paint disposal

Your newly painted room looks great. Now what to do with the leftover paint? Dried latex paint can be disposed of with your regularly scheduled trash collection. Just remove

the lid and allow the paint to dry in a safe area out of the reach of children and pets. You may also stir in cat litter, sand, shredded paper, or saw dust to help absorb the excess paint. You may recycle oil-based and lead paints through Metro Solid Waste Management's Haz Bin disposal program. Haz Bin is located at 7501 Grade Lane and is open Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

For a list of other accepted hazardous materials visit the St. Matthews website: www.stmatthewsky.gov,

services tab, Hazardous Material Disposal.

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.

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Storm debris removed throughout the City from multiple fall/winter storms
- Removed several dead trees in our City parks to make sure that common areas remain safe
- Ground several stumps and restored area in right of ways
- Planted 125 new trees in the City right of way and parks
- Patched pot holes on many City streets
- Completed culvert replacement and water main relocation on Trinity Hills Lane
- The majority of Phase I, of the Community Center improvements, is complete
- Precision concrete cutting to remove tripping hazards throughout City
- Maintained safe streets during several snow events this past winter
- Trimmed bushes and landscaping at several City parks

Current Projects

- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills ditch—finalizing ACOE review and approval, project is anticipated to be budgeted for 2022-2023
- Community Center renovation project – Phase II construction of the interior has started, completion expected June of 2022
- Phased street sign replacement project ongoing



Phase 2—inside the Community Center

- Drainage improvements to Girard Drive design
- Rehab and new construction of the walking trails in Brown Park in construction, expected completion May/June 2022
- Alley improvements between Warner and Hycliffe
- Road/drainage Improvement on Sherburn Lane
- Evaluating streets for resurfacing
- Drainage improvements on Kentucky Avenue between Kentucky Avenue and Washburn, joint project with MSD

Future Projects

- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park
- Electric improvements at Brown Park
- New restroom at Community Center Park
- New plaque at Draut Park
- Create master plan for Warwick Park

Heart of St. Matthews Project—May 14 Clean-up Event

Business leaders and the City of St. Matthews are working on a beautification project for the “Heart of St. Matthews,” on Shelbyville Road between Chenoweth Lane and St. Matthews Avenue. There will be 24 large flower planters placed, eight new trees planted, along with street and sidewalk cleaning.

May 14 Clean-up Event

Please join us on May 14 and help keep St. Matthews the beautiful place that we love.

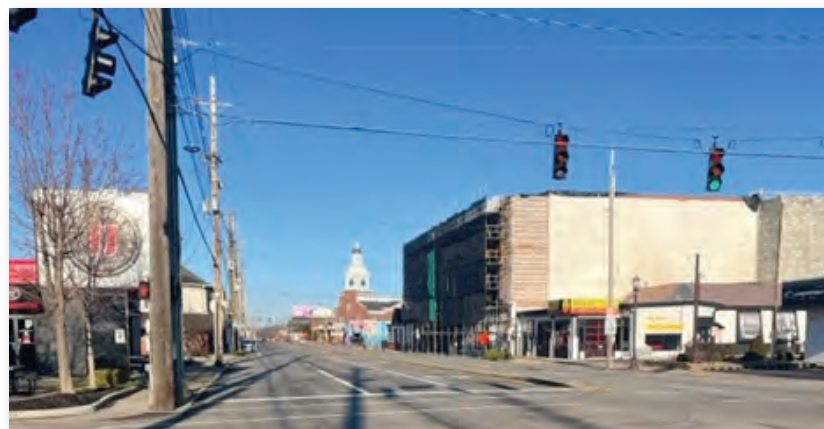
Schedule:

9:00 am Coffee and donuts at Independence Bank

9:00 am–Noon: Volunteers clean streets

Noon: Community gathers at Raven to close event

For more information contact Cindy Bailey, Independence Bank, at 581-1776





Brown Park Renovation

Existing asphalt walking paths are being replaced with concrete, while adding some additional paths in areas previously not utilized. All paths will be ADA compliant. The two existing park bridges across Beargrass Creek will be replaced with new larger bridges, which will allow emergency vehicles access to all areas of the park. The city appreciates your patience as Brown Park undergoes these improvements.

Reminder: All of our City Parks are equipped with pet waste disposal stations. Please clean up after your pets.

St. John Lutheran Church, 901 Breckenridge Lane, is hosting a **community cookout** on Saturday, June 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. Many area business and organization will be on hand to offer information to visitors. There will be free children's activities including a bubble station and a bouncy house. Food will be available for purchase, with all proceeds going to charity.

For more information contact Karen Karnes at (502) 895-9320.

Hometown History Mystery



THEN Greathouse School – Dedicated March 4, 1915 and named after school Principal Miss Tommie Greathouse. The school was located on the north side of Shelbyville Road at the head of Browns Lane and built to replace the old school located on a small sliver of land between Lexington and Shelbyville Roads. Former student Cornelia Drescher Stone recalled, "The new school had 4 rooms and a basement with a furnace. We marched and sang from the old school to the new school, right through St. Matthews."

NOW Chase Bank is now at this location.



Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as trash on weeks highlighted in red. Holidays marked in blue will delay recycling and trash one day.

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St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

Growing and Maintaining Tomatoes and Peppers

Wednesday, May 4
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm



Classical Guitar With Ascher Taylor-Schroeder

Saturday, May 21
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

An Evening With the Panpipes Flute Choir

Wednesday, June 15
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

How to Raise Chickens in Your Backyard

Saturday, June 18
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm



St. Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday June 17
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Saturday June 18
10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Mini Ribbon Flags

Thursday, June 23
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.
Get prepared for the July 4th holiday



in crafty style with a mini ribbon flag. Rudimentary sewing skills required. Call 574-1771 to register.

For Children and Families:

Make & Take Programs

Monday, May 2 and Wed. June 1

All Day Events

Tail Waggin' Tutors with Mercy the Comfort Dog

Thursdays May 5 and June 2
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Register for a 20-minute slot to read aloud to certified comfort dog Mercy. Call 574-1771 to register.

Grades K-12

Exploring Art Programs

Saturdays, May 14 and June 11
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Weaving in the Round with the Little Loomhouse

Tuesday, June 14
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
Ages 5-18. Limited to 25.
Call 574-1771 to register.



Regularly Occurring Children's Programs:

Baby Storytime

Every Wednesday
10:15 am to 10:45 am

Toddler Storytime

Every Wednesday
11:15 am to 11:45 am

Preschool Storytime

Every Thursday
10:15 am to 10:45 am

Family Storytime

Every Thursday
11:15 am to 12:00 pm

Pint Size Playdate

First Saturday of the month
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Animated Storytime

Second Monday of the month
10:30 am to 11:15 am

Family Movie Night

Third Thursday of the month
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Visit <https://events.lfpl.org/events/?IID=11> for a complete calendar

New SMPD Victim Services Specialist

The St. Matthews Police Department now has a contract victim services specialist, Carolyn Estep. Carolyn specializes in providing services and resources for crime victims in her role she has had with the department since December, 2021.

Carolyn, who is a licensed therapist, contacts victims of crime to offer assistance, such as walking them through the process of an emergency protective order, locating therapy for domestic violence, or referring them to other agencies that can provide the

help they need.

In order to learn the latest in best practices, Carolyn has been networking with other victim services specialists in other counties and cities. They meet once a month via Zoom to exchange ideas and information.

Carolyn said the needs are as varied as the situations themselves. After Carolyn learned of an elderly couple that could not call for help when their landline was out during a storm, she procured several 911-only cell phones to give to people in this type

of situation. She has also had to find translators for non-English speaking persons who were victims of crime.

Carolyn states that the police officers have embraced her work, saying, "The officers are very compassionate about people that they encounter and come to me to find resources for them."

Having a Victims Services Specialist allows officers more time to patrol and be proactive. It also provides more qualified services to victims of crime, domestic violence, and those with mental health needs.

Support for Ukraine

The City of St. Matthews is lighting City Hall at 3940 Grandview Avenue to show support for the people of Ukraine. Each evening City Hall will be lit in the colors of blue and yellow to show support for the people of Ukraine and peace throughout the world.

Communications Tools

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- Leaf pick up is underway, How to properly dispose of your Christmas tree, St. Matthews Chamber holiday contests for residents, City offices closings, or a free Covid testing location is open in St. Matthews.

These are just some of the issues that the Reach Alert system can keep you informed about. Register today for the St. Matthews (city) Reach Alert messaging online at ReachAlert.com or telephone 877-307-9313.

Users of the system can customize how they receive their city notices—text, email, or telephone, and multiple persons from the same address can participate. Users can select to receive ONLY ALERTS, or ONLY REMINDERS, or BOTH. All of these options can be changed by the user at any time, 24/7, by logging in to their RA account or calling the RA office.

City Website

The city website, www.stmatthewsky.gov is a great source for locating city notices or finding the how-to's of city government, such as when permits are required, how to pay taxes, or

what's required to use a temporary portable storage container. Website visitors can also locate when city council meetings are scheduled, what services are provided to residents by the St. Matthews Public Works and Police departments, or events at the St. Matthews Eline Library. You can quickly access sites such as Metro Louisville Animal Control, Louisville Gas & Electric, or TARC to find bus routes and schedules throughout their service area. A How-do-I tab is available to get answers to Frequently Asked Questions, or a Points of Interest option to find locations throughout St. Matthews which are significant to our city's history.

St. Matthews Living Newsletter

This newsletter, which is printed quarterly, brings you news of past, present, and future happenings throughout the city at time of publication. It also relays ways to keep you and your family safe, and



tips that address seasonal issues. The *St. Matthews Living* newsletter strives to be a well-rounded publication, addressing all city departments as well as community interest topics.

These communications tools, much like a carpenter's tools, do not work unless someone uses it. Help us keep you informed by engaging these communication tools that are in place entirely for your benefit. Knowledge is power, so take advantage of these resources to be informed!



St. Matthews Area Ministries

We are celebrating our 50th year of service to our community! Please visit our Facebook page and website for mission updates/requests & fundraisers.

Volunteers are needed who can lift up to 50 lbs. for our weekly food distribution & monthly government truck. Please email suzannedegregorio@stmam.com

Follow St. Matthews Baseball on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsBaseball>
for up-to-date announcements and important dates.



A FREE computer tune-up and repair service is offered the first Saturday of each month (5/14/22, due to Derby, and 6/4/22). The service will be at the St. Matthews Library on Grandview Ave from 1-5 PM in the small conference room. Participants must bring any additional devices that are needed such as keyboard, monitor, and mouse for desktops. If participants are bringing a laptop, please bring your battery charger.

If you plan to attend, please contact Rae Taylor at taylor_rae@hotmail.com. Attendance is limited to 5 people. Visit www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com for more information about this program.

Good Neighboring

Barking Dogs

Per City Ordinance, Chapter 91, No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals, which includes excessive, continuous, or untimely barking or howling. Any person found in violation, upon conviction, can be fined up to \$250 for each day of the violation. Read the regulations in full on the city website.

To report noncompliance, telephone the St. Matthews Police Department dispatcher at (502) 893-9000. Please provide duration of the barking, description of the animal, and location of the animal, if possible. It is important that the police officer observe the barking for a citation to be issued. In most cases, first time offenders will be issued a courtesy warning. It is not necessary for you to give your name.

Report Perceived Speeding

People will be getting out more in the warm weather, and possibly speeding. Please report perceived speeding issues that seem to be ongoing so that SMPD can investigate and take any action necessary to abate the problem. Call SMPD dispatch at (502) 893-9000, or use the city website online form.

Don't Block Sidewalks:

Please make sure you park your vehicles where they don't cross the sidewalk. Likewise, don't leave bicycles, toys, trash cans, and other items on the sidewalk. A blocked sidewalk poses a safety hazard to pedestrians and persons using wheelchairs as it causes them to move into the street.

Objects In The Right Of Way

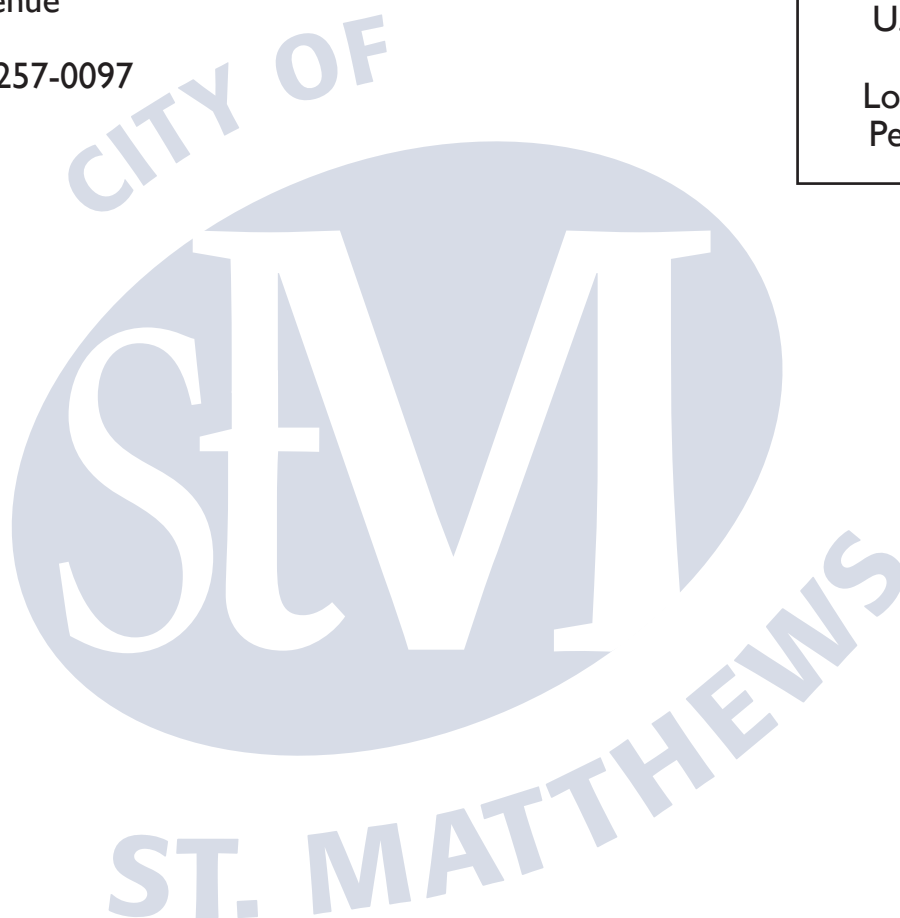
If you use concrete pyramids or other obstructions to protect your lawn from cars, keep in mind that, if someone hits them and it results in a wreck, or damages a vehicle, the homeowner can be held legally responsible.

Visible House Numbers

Make sure that your house number is easily found, clearly visible, and well-lit at night from the street. It saves time and lives in an emergency. Numbers should be placed at the front of the residence or should be visible from the nearest fronting road with no obstructions. The numbers should be at least three inches by two inches or larger if necessary to be visible from the nearest fronting road, and in a color distinguishable from its background.

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Your Elected Officials for the City of St. Matthews:

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
FREE Reach Alert
system, sign up at
www.reachalert.com
or call 1-877-307-9313

Be A Good Neighbor!

- Keep your pet on a leash at all times when off of your property
- Report perceived speeding
- Report out of service street lights

Government Access

City Hall Office: (502) 895-9444

Code Enforcement: (502) 899-2512

Police Department: (502) 893-9000

City Engineer: (502) 899-2518

Public Works: (502) 899-2517

Property Taxes: (502) 899-2511

Police Records: (502) 899-2537

Emergency: 911

Reminder: All of our city parks
are equipped with pet waste
disposal stations. Please clean up
after your pets.

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