



St. Matthews Living

August 2022

Fire Chief William Seng to Retire in August



Chief William Seng

After serving in the St. Matthews Fire Department for 44 years, beginning in 1978 as a volunteer firefighter at age 18, and thirty years as Chief, William Seng will be retiring this August. Chief Seng, a lifelong resident of St. Matthews, who holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University as well as a bachelor's degree in fire science, has been instrumental in bringing about many improvements in services to the community.

Prior to being appointed as Fire Chief, Seng served in a variety of Fire Department positions, including Captain and Fire Marshal responsible for all fire prevention activities.

Chief Seng is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the South East Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Seng is also an active member in the community including the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and Knights of Columbus.

Chief Seng recalls making medical runs in 1989 on fire engines in St. Matthews, the first fire department in the area to do so. As time went on, the demand for these kind of services increased, and residents of St. Matthews had to rely on Louisville Metro for ambulance services. The wait time in the suburbs such as St. Matthews could be lengthy, and the need exceeded Louisville Metro's capacity to provide efficient service.

In 2016, Chief Seng obtained a Certificate of Need and an Ambulance

license from the Kentucky Board of EMS to provide emergency ambulance service to the district. On December 2017, two ambulances rolled out of the St. Matthews stations, one borrowed from Louisville Metro and one from Lexington's fire department. Today there are four ambulances serving the community.

Another significant change under Chief Seng's tenure was the merger of the fire district of Lyndon with St. Matthews in 2018. There are now a total of four stations. Lyndon did not operate EMS services, and it made sense to merge with St. Matthews to gain access to those services, Chief Seng stated. Every station now has full EMT and fire services. Chief Seng says that he views the merger as one of his bigger accomplishments, and that "he's going out with a bang!"



St. Matthews Fire Station 2, one of four fire stations in St. Matthews since the 2018 merger with Lyndon Fire District, under Chief William Seng's leadership.

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A Message From...

Take Advantage of the St. Matthews Tax Discount

St. Matthews property tax bills will be mailed to homeowners, or their mortgage companies, on October 1. These tax bills, if paid, or payment postmarked, by October 31, are eligible for a substantial discount. In 2021, the City Council approved a discount of 40%, however, as of this printing the 2022 discount amount has not been set. Please check with your mortgage company to verify that they are paying the tax bill and that they are paying before the Oct 31 deadline to receive the discount.

Solicitation Open

Mayor Tonini has ended his executive order, which placed a halt to door-to-door solicitations during the Covid pandemic. Solicitation is allowed, provided that all solicitors abide by City ordinance requiring each to obtain a City Certificate of Registration. This certificate shall be carried by each solicitor, along with the required Metro Louisville certificate, and both shall be displayed upon request.

If you prefer, you may post a NO SOLICITATION notice near your front door. Solicitors are not allowed to disregard this notice. Please report any solicitor who does not have the required documents, or has breached your



NO SOLICITATION notice, to the St. Matthews Police Department (502) 893-9000. An officer will check that the solicitor is representing a legitimate business, and not someone of suspicious activity, and advise the solicitor of how to obtain the St. Matthews Certificate of Registration.

Help keep our city safer by reporting unregistered strangers who are knocking on residential doors. Details about Solicitation within St. Matthews can be found on the city website under the Business Tab.

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

Free stickers are available at City Hall.



National Night Out August 2

St. Matthews Community Park

August 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Stop by and meet your St. Matthews Police and Fire Departments
Music, fun and more!

History Of National Night Out

This event has been held every year since 1984 and started with the simple act of people in the neighborhood, turning on their porch lights and sitting at their front door. The very first National Night Out saw 2.5 million residents in 400 communities, and in 2016, 38 million people across the entire United States in 16,000 communities.

In recent years, one of the largest National Night Out events has been held in Columbus, Ohio. Ogden Block Watch organizes one of the largest festivals, which includes food, live music, and other entertainment options for participants to enjoy in order to raise awareness for crime and drug prevention.



Movies in the Park is back this year in a new location!

- All movies are FREE
- Brown Park at Kresge Way and Browns Lane
- FREE Parking at 4007 Kresge Way



Upcoming movies:

September 9: Encanto
(Rated PG)

Estimated Start Time: 8 p.m.
Games and activities will be held before the event with themed prizes!

October 8: Goosebumps
(Rated PG)

Estimated Start Time: 7:20 p.m.
Join us in your Halloween costume for a special costume contest!
Prizes to be announced.

- Bring a blanket or chairs with you
- No chairs or seating provided
- You are encouraged to bring your own snacks and drinks
- No alcohol is permitted
- Events are weather dependent
- For weather-related information go to: www.facebook.com/StMatthewsChamber.
- For more information: www.stmatthewschamber.com/movies-in-the-park/



**St. Matthews
Potato Festival**
Saturday, August 27
Noon to 6 pm

**Community Center Park
310 Ten Pin Lane. St. Matthews**

The St. Matthews Potato Festival returns for the first time since 1952! The entire family can enjoy bushels of fun with something for everyone; from the Tasty Tater Cook-Off featuring area restaurants and food vendors showing off their special potato dish, to the Spud Putt a special hole in one contest, to the Tater Trot—a fun walk through the park, to the Mashed Potato Hits concerts in the park...and so much more! There will also be a wide selection of vendors including a craft show and a kids zone all completely free!
www.stmatthewschamber.com/st-matthews-potato-festival/



Halloween in Brown Park

Halloween in Brown Park

Saturday, October 22

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

- This FREE event will be held rain or shine
- Music, games, inflatables, hayrides, and more
- Trick-or-treating starts at 11:30 am
- Over 50 businesses will hand out treats
- Location: Brown Park at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane
- FREE parking at 4007 Kresge Way, Doctor's building



- In the case of a dangerous weather OR COVID-19 restrictions some changes may occur to keep the event safe.
Please visit www.stmatthewschamber.com/halloween-in-brown-park/ for details and updates due to weather and COVID.

Fire Department

Safety Tips for Outdoor Fire Pits



Fire pits add drama and beauty to your outdoor space. But fire is fire, and to fully enjoy your fire pit, safety should always be a top consideration.

Before Using Your Fire Pit

- Before buying your fire pit, make sure you understand your city or county's regulations regarding their use. Some cities prohibit their use completely, and hefty fines could be imposed if you don't follow the rules and regulations.

- Read the manual that comes with your fire pit and follow instructions. Call the manufacturer regarding any questions you might have.
 - Always keep a fire extinguisher handy and make sure it is in good working condition and not past its expiration date. Use safety gloves when handling a fire pit.
 - Don't place a fire pit in an enclosed area because its fumes can be harmful without proper ventilation.
 - Avoid placing your fire pit near hanging branches or on an unsteady surface.
- ### Operating Your Fire Pit
- Start your fire small and only use the recommended fire starters. Never use gasoline to start a fire.

- In a wood-burning fire pit, never pile on wood too high because you don't want burning pellets to spill out.
- Children should not be allowed near fire pits, which should be supervised by adults at all times. Never leave the fire unattended.
- Use screens for protection from wind and to prevent sparks from flying out. Avoid using a fire pit when it is very windy.

Extinguishing the Fire

- Make sure to extinguish the fire completely once you have finished using it. Follow your manufacturer's instructions. Use a fire extinguisher or enough water to let the hot coals or wood soak. Continue to pour water over the fire until there's no steam.
- Cover with a lid if you have one after you have put the fire out.
- Do not store the coals or wood in bags right away; use a metal ash bucket instead.

Source: <https://www.thespruce.com/safety-tips-for-fire-pits->

Update on Heart of St. Matthews Project

The May 14 Clean-up event was a great success, according to Independence Bank president Louis R. Straub II. The project area was Shelbyville Road between Chenoweth Lane and St. Matthews Avenue. Streets were cleaned, trees planted, donated flower pots were filled with beautiful flowers and other beautification efforts were made possible by funds donated by area businesses and city officials. Approximately 35 people participated in the community event, including private citizens,

business owners, elected officials and Chamber members.

Louis says there are plans in the works for a fall cleanup, and they hope to plant even more trees and add color to the area including streets banners. He thanked Mayor Tonini and Bill Hollander's offices for all of their support. "Having an attractive city increases economic development," Louis said. "It helps to maintain property values and quality of life for our residents."



Photo: www.townepost.com

Back to School Safety Checklist

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.*

Transportation Safety

Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

Walkers

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross at crosswalks or intersections
- Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

Bike Riders

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file
- Come to a complete stop before

crossing the street; walk bikes across the street

- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
- Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

Bus Riders

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other
- Get the facts on bus safety from Injury Facts (<https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/motor-vehicle/road-users/school-bus/>)



Driving Your Child to School

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure
- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

*Source: <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school/drivers>



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 Team Highlights

Daryl Cleary, Arborist

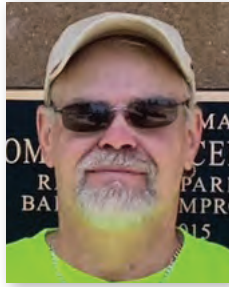


City Arborist and City Green Advisor Daryl Cleary has been with St. Matthews for 10 years. Prior to that, Daryl was a supervisor

of Metro Louisville Forestry and Parks, and a groundskeeper at several other large establishments. A Kentucky Certified Nurseryman, Daryl enjoys helping to protect the environment as an urban forester in his position with the City. Daryl says, "I help people from all over the country and other counties protect the environment."

Daryl volunteers as a city arborist for another local small city, and as a director-at-large for a zero exhaust vehicle/machine group. He also volunteers with Kentucky nonpollution emission energy and ocean wave groups. Practicing what he preaches, Darryl's entire home and machinery, including his lawn mower and car, are 100% electric and fueled by sunshine and wind.

Ron Webb, Public Works



Ron has been with the Public Works department for over two years. Prior to that, Ron and his wife were facility managers

for the St. Matthews Community Center.

Ron has always worked in construction, and says he really enjoys every aspect of his job with public works. He works in maintenance for the City, "taking care anything that breaks down," in his words. "Anything" includes HVAC, electrical, plumbing and park maintenance. Ron has high praise for his supervisor, Terry Ridgeway, and says, "Terry is the best boss you could find." He also said that Mayor Tonini is very good to them, as is Public Works director Kenan Stratman.

Ron and his wife have five adult daughters and nine grandchildren, and says he likes to work and take care of his family.

Norm Mayer, Police Dept.



Sargeant Norm Mayer is a third generation police officer. His grandfather served with the Louisville police department and his father was Chief of Police for St.

Matthews for 29 years. After serving with Metro Louisville for 21.5 years, Norm had the unique opportunity to work with his father, Norm Mayer, Sr. when he joined St. Matthews in 2013.

While with Metro Louisville, Norm worked with different areas including the riot team, SWAT team, and was a sex crimes detective. Norm holds a degree in police administration from the University of Louisville, and is married with two adult children. Norm has pursued continuing education, including most recently leadership training with graduate school credit. Norm says, "I like when you can help someone solve a problem." He is a first line supervisor who still makes runs, and tries to stay available to help fellow officers. When he is not working, Norm enjoys going to car shows and getting old cars restored.

Code Words

As vacations come to an end and summer enters its last lazy month, let's remember to put campers, boats and trailers to bed along with the season.

What is permissible when storing such vehicles is explained in Section 78.09 of the City Code, "Parking of boats, trailers and RVs." Such vehicles may not be parked in a front or street side yard, or on a driveway of a residence between a line along the front or street side of the house and the paved portion of the public street. Such vehicles may not be parked on any

street in or adjacent any residential or apartment district.

This is also a good time to make sure any inoperable vehicles are removed before the winter months. Codes regarding abandoned, junked or inoperable vehicles are found in Section 90 of the City Code, which states: "The accumulation and storage of one or more of such abandoned or junked vehicles as defined in 90.01 on



private property shall be deemed a nuisance," and is, therefore, prohibited. If you are in doubt whether your vehicle falls into this category, don't check with your neighbor, check out Code 90.01 on the city website.

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Maintenance and checks to all irrigation systems, and have them up and running
- Removed several dead trees in our City parks to make sure that common areas remain safe.
- Spruced up the parks—crews cleaned up landscaped areas, re-mulched, and planted new plants and shrubs at Community Center Park and Brown Park
- Maintained all the green spaces in parks and right of ways
- Patched pot holes on many City streets
- Storm debris removed throughout the City from multiple spring storms
- Ground several stumps and restored area in right of way
- Performed five Green Ups throughout the City.
- Regraded ditch on Girard Drive
- Alley Improvements between Warner & Hycliffe

Current Projects

- Community Center Renovation Project
- Drainage Improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch – finalizing Army Corps of Engineers review and approval
- Phased street sign replacement project ongoing
- Drainage Improvements to Girard Drive design
- Road/drainage improvement on Shurburn Lane



The new patio area of the Arterburn (former Community Center building)

- Evaluating streets for resurfacing
- Drainage improvements on Kentucky Avenue between Kentucky and Washburn, joint project with MSD

Future Projects

- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park
- Electrical improvements at Brown Park
- New restroom at Warwick Park
- New plaque at Draut Park
- Master plan for Warwick Park – Phase I budgeted for 2022/23 fiscal year

Crime Buzz

Package Delivery Security

If you are concerned about package delivery security, Amazon packages can be sent to a locker and held for pick up. Amazon lockers are secure, self-service kiosks that allow you to pick up your package at a time that is convenient for you. Visit www.amazon.com for more information.

Prevent Theft of Valuables

The St. Matthews Police Department reminds you to keep your cars locked when you are not in them. Take your valuables with you or lock them in the trunk of your car.

Safe Exchange Zone

The Internet Safe Exchange Zone is available on the City Hall campus outside the main entrance to the Police Department. The area is well-lit and under video surveillance at all times.



This zone allows those who make Internet-based purchases from websites such as Nextdoor and Facebook a safe place to exchange goods person to person. It can also be used as a safe place for child custody exchange.

Brown Park Improvements

The City Council approved a \$750,000 improvement project to Brown Park., which included the replacement of all existing asphalt trails with 8' concrete trails. Extensive efforts were made to ensure all paths met the guidelines established by the American Disabilities Act. The project included the replacement of two pedestrian bridges, which are rated to handle the weight of emergency vehicles. Over 1,000 linear feet of new pathway were added to provide access to the southern end of the park that previously was not accessible to the public, providing direct access to the historic cemetery honoring the Lawrence Brown family. The

intent of the project was to ensure the integrity of the park was preserved, safe accessibility for all was provided, and a new experience could be offered. In addition to the path, new signage and trail markers were provided. Please remember to not feed the ducks bread, but more healthy alternatives, as bread can damage the animals' digestive systems. Alternatives such as lettuce, half grapes, nuts, and cracked corn are better options.

Future Projects

Warwick Park improvements

The City Council is exploring options



to better utilize Warwick Park. The City has hired TSW Design Groups to develop a master plan detailing three phased improvement projects over the next few years. The first phase, expected to begin in the next fiscal year, includes the following; additional parking, new pickle ball courts, new basketball court, and new restrooms. Project budget is \$1,900,000 for the phase one improvements.

Hometown History—Notable Area Founders

Born in Amherst County, Virginia in 1750, John Floyd was a surveyor and pioneer who settled at the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek in a station he called Woodville. John Floyd had traveled to Kentucky, as he had surveyed many of Thomas Bullitt's plots at the falls of the Ohio in 1774.

A fellow surveyor described Floyd as "one of the first adventurers' in this Country, an old surveyor, and one as capable of making a judicious Choice of Lands, as any Man." Being well aware of the area's merits, John Floyd had become the assignee of two 1000-acre parcels that encompass present day St. Matthews. In doing so, he has been credited as Jefferson County's first landowner.

In 1776, John Floyd wrote of an account of the recapture of Daniel Boone's daughter Jemima and Calloway nieces from their Indian captors. Floyd had accompanied Boone in the successful pursuit and confrontation, and his report

became part of the Boone saga. Floyd frequently wrote letters providing "details of nearly all the striking incidents of the early settlements in Kentucky" which were reprinted in January 1834 in the *Frankfort Commonwealth* (newspaper), which prompted a suggestion to create a state historical society, which came about two years later.

George Rogers Clark convinced Governor Thomas Jefferson in 1781 to appoint Floyd as Colonel of the Kentucky Militia and also later in the year Justice of the Peace and surveyor of Jefferson County. Locally, Colonel Floyd lent his name to an early fortification, Floyds Station, and a key tributary to the Ohio River, Floyds Fork.

Amongst the many significant facts of John Floyd's life is his recognition as the father and grandfather of two Virginia governors. On April 8, 1783, Colonel John Floyd was wounded in an Indian ambush near the salt licks in



Colonel John Floyd

present day Bullitt County, and died April 10, 1783, suspected to be before his 33rd birthday.

His burial established the graveyard at Woodville. Today you can locate his burial place in the Floyd – Breckinridge Cemetery located on Jamestown Court, nestled silently surrounded by modern residential St. Matthews homes.

From: *St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas

St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

For Adults

Researching Your Home

Wednesday, August 10

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Historian Steve Wiser will discuss the ins and outs of how to find out about the history of your home.

St Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday Sept. 16, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Saturday Sept. 17, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday Sept. 18, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

All proceeds benefit the St. Matthews Friends of the Library. Cash only and exact change is appreciated.

For Children and Families:

Exploring Art: Paul Klee

Saturday, August 20

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join us for an exploration of artist Paul Klee and create your own piece of art. Program starts at 2. Ages 6-12

ACT Basics

Saturday, August 13

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

An introduction to the ACT. Limit 25.

Please call 502-574-1771 to register.

Grades 7-12

A **FREE** computer tune-up and repair service is offered the first Saturday of each month (08/6, 09/6, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3). 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.



For more programs and events visit www.lfpl.org

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.

August 20, 2022

Marilyn Gordon McCarthy,

Genealogist

"The rise, fall, and demise of the Natchez Trace 1780-1820"

While researching her family tree, she found a relative, Captain John Gordon, who fought with General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. He became involved in Western North Carolina (Tennessee) politics and built one of the early houses/stations/trading posts at the north end of the Natchez Trace.

September 17, 2022

Joseph Cecil

First Principles: What

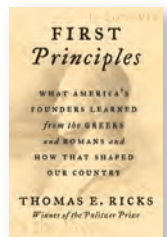
America's Founders

Learned from the Greeks

and Romans and How

That Shaped Our Country

By Thomas E. Ricks



October 15, 2022

Dr. Richard Werking

Subject to be announced

As always, AHHS meetings are open to the public.

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

Cool Weather Tips

Flip Your Fan

If you have a ceiling fan, reverse the blades' direction so that they are running clockwise. Stand underneath your fan while it's running. If you can feel a breeze, reverse the direction so that air is drawn upwards, gently recalculating warm air through the room.

Check Your Chimney

If you have a fireplace, have your chimney and vent system cleaned and checked before gathering around the fireplace.

Clean Dryer Ducts

While you should clean the dryer filter after every use, fall is a good time for a good washing and cleaning the ducts and area behind the dryer. (You might even find some missing socks!)



Plant Flowering Bulbs

There are a wide variety of bulbs you can plant in the fall that give you beautiful, colorful reasons to look forward to spring.

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

Fire Chief William Seng *Continued from page 1*

Seng reaches top of ladder as St. Matthews fire chief

By MARTHA ELSON
Staff Writer

While attending Eastern Kentucky University, William Seng was so interested in fire service that he came home every weekend to train and work as a volunteer firefighter in St. Matthews.

That dedication and years of ensuing effort paid off last Wednesday when the 32-year-old firefighter was named chief of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

The St. Matthews resident and native has been with the department for 15 years. He had been acting chief since August, when Franklin Florence abruptly resigned in an apparent conflict with the board.

Seng, who was chosen from four local and two out-of-town applicants, has "done a tremendous job for the last six months keeping the department together" after a time of low morale, board chairman Jim Graven said.

He added that Seng is "young, he's aggressive, he'll make a decision. ... Bill will run the department the way he wants the department run. He will report directly to me, and I will report directly to the board. But Bill is running the department."

Seng said he expects to work well with other members of the department. "Coming up through the ranks, I've worked hand in hand with 90 percent of the people up here. I've always had a good personal and working relationship."

He also describes himself as "very open-minded" and said he will "get as much input as possible before making a decision."

He intends to give other firefighters "more responsibility in the areas they were initially hired to do." In the past, he said, he feels others "weren't able to fully carry out responsibilities based on their own decisions."

As chief, Seng oversees the day-to-day operations of the district, which has 17 full-time firefighters and 30 volunteers working at two stations.

The first week that Seng was acting chief he felt he passed the test by overseeing a run to a fire at Mall-

Bill Seng 'has done a tremendous job for the last six months.'

Board chairman Jim Graven



STAFF PHOTO BY MARY ANN LYONS

William Seng became the new chief of the St. Matthews Fire Department last week. The department has 17 full-time firefighters and 30 volunteers at two stations.

The Courier-Journal, January 27, 1993

Thanks in part to a tax rate increase of \$.05 in 2017, Chief Seng says the department has been able to remain highly responsive to residents' calls and emergencies, and keep up with maintenance, increased fuel costs and other expenses. There are now over 100 employees, which include 50 firefighters and 50 EMTs. They provide fire, EMS, hazardous materials, and rescue response to a community of approximately 125,000 residents in an area of close to 19 square miles.

Between EMS and fire, they average 50 calls a day for services, ranging from calls about an odor in the house, to a medical call, or a run to the hospital. They average 7,000 transports a year to the hospital. They make even more medical runs than that, Chief Seng said, but many do not result in transports to the hospital.

Some of his most gratifying moments are the times when they have made an ambulance run when someone's

heart has been in full cardiac arrest, and by doing CPR, they brought that person back to life. Chief Seng says that doesn't happen often, but when it does, he is very thankful for that.

Chief Seng is also very proud that he has never had any serious injuries to his firefighters, which he credits to extensive training. He says, "We hire the best of the best to be on staff."

When asked what his plans are for retirement, Chief Seng says that he plans to travel to Florida quite frequently to see his son and grandchildren, Bodie, who is 8, and granddaughter Briar, 4 months. He laughs and says that he wanted Bodie to call him "Chief," but it has turned into "Boof!"

Chief Seng says, "We pride ourselves on being helpful to the community. They call us at the worse times of their lives, and we want to be there to help them." St. Matthews has been very fortunate to have such a caring leader in Fire Chief William Seng.



St. Matthews Area Ministries celebrates 50 years of service to our community

Please visit our Facebook page and website for mission updates and fundraisers or email suzannedegregorio@stmam.com.

The past two years we have had an abundance of supplies. However, due to an increase in prices across the board, we are in dire need of paper towels, Kleenex, dish soap, antibacterial cleaners, 3-in-1 Arm and Hammer shampoo/body wash, 13 gallon flex bags, quart/gallon size baggies, baby wash, and baby lotion.

Upcoming fundraisers:

Give for Good September 15
www.giveforgoodlouisville.org



An Art Affair Art Show
Thursday October 13
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Belmont Village Senior Living
4600 Bowling Blvd.
St. Matthews



How to get the St. Matthews Living Newsletter mailed to you

Visit the City website: www.stmatthewsky.gov, click on Communication/Newsletter to submit a form to receive the newsletter and read past issues.

FREE House Watch while you are away

Visit <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/house-watch/> to sign up for a house watch while you are away from home.

Follow St. Matthews Baseball on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsBaseball>
for up-to-date announcements and important dates.



Good Neighboring

Clear Blocked Catch Basin, especially during the fall leaf season to prevent flooding.

Don't post signs on utility poles or traffic and directional sign posts. If you must post a temporary yard sale sign or lost pet, please remove the signs directly after the event or once the pet has been located.

Don't set out garbage, yard waste, and recycling containers more than 24 hours before your scheduled pick up and retrieve them from the street edge the same day that they are emptied.

Keep your pets on a 10-ft or less leash when not on your property. Pick up waste after your pet, dispose of it properly in your own garbage container, and don't allow your pet to disturb others.



Sign Up for REACH Alert: It's FREE!

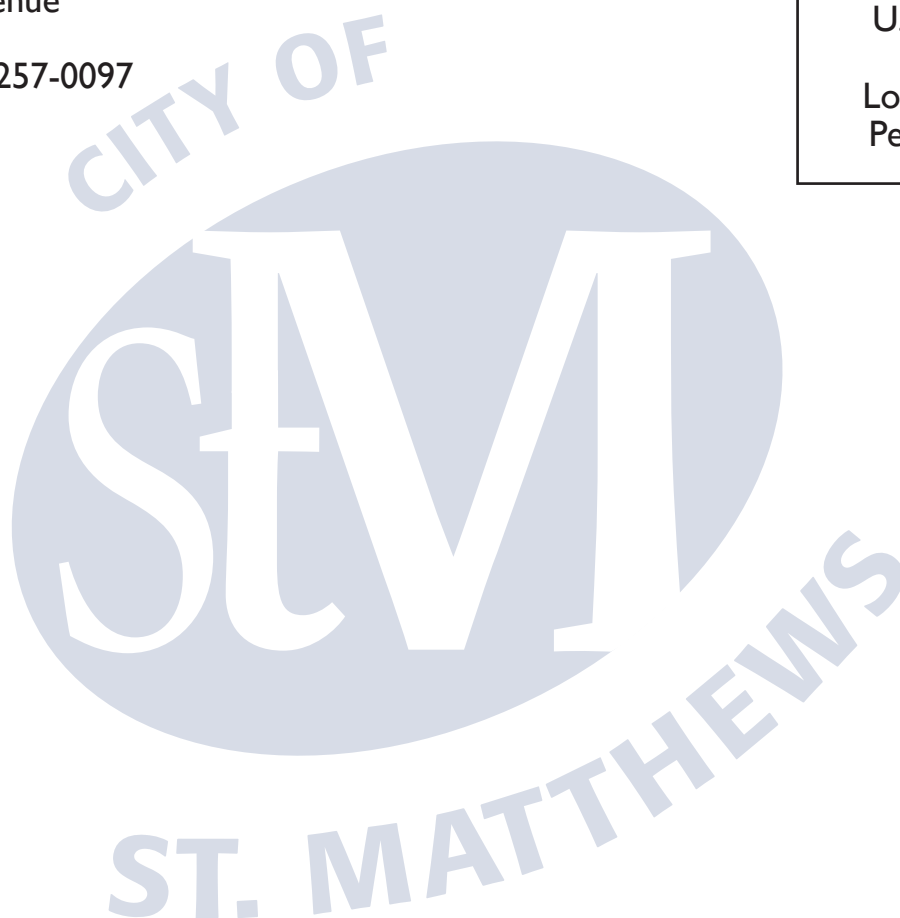
The city sends out messages on an AS-NEEDED basis. Users can sign up to receive their message by; telephone, text, email. You can receive messages by one, two or all three of these ways!

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Alerts, depending upon the level of importance, are normally dispatched during the afternoon hours. High level of importance, and emergency message, will be dispatched ASAP.

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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
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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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