



# St. Matthews Living

November 2022

## Welcome New Fire Chief Nick Clark



*Chief Nick Clark*

Chief Nick Clark has been at the helm of the St. Matthews Fire Department as chief for only a couple of months now, but he has decades of experience, going back to 1988 when he started with the Buechel Fire Department as a volunteer. He made the decision to become a full-time firefighter following 9/11. He said seeing the bravery of the first responders that day and the days that followed had a profound effect on him. Chief Clark says that "I needed a push, and this was it. It was now or never to commit to full-time firefighting." In the spring of 2002, he was accepted into a full-time position.

In 2002, Chief Clark and his wife, Gina, had just had their first child, Jackson when he made that decision. He said it was a big commitment and that Gina, who is a first-grade teacher, made a lot of sacrifices and has supported him so

much with his career. Jackson is now 20 and they have another son, Charlie, 16. Chief Clark was promoted to Sergeant in August of 2005 and served in that role until September of 2018. He was then promoted to Captain and served in that position until he was hired as Chief on August 1, 2022.

Chief Clark grew up in the Buechel area, attended St. Xavier High School and has a B.S. in Fire Science from Eastern Kentucky University. He has numerous fire service certifications including Incident Safety Officer, Fire Officer II, State Certified Fire Inspector, etc. Firefighting is in his blood as his father, Jack, was a longtime volunteer with the Buechel Fire Department, and one of his brothers, Dan is a retired firefighter.

Even as a child, Chief Clark had an affinity for hanging around fire stations. When he was five years old, the Crusade for Children was in full swing for the weekend. Nick was at the Buechel station after riding around with the firefighters, collecting money on Sunday morning. Some of his dad's friends invited him to ride with them to the WHASTV station, where the Crusade was airing on TV. The Buechel fire department appeared live on-air with their collection, and little Nick was on the screen. His parents did not know that he went down to the station until they saw him on TV! Needless to say, they were not amused by their son's TV appearance. Things came full

circle for Chief Clark when he had the experience of having his sons ride around with him while they collected donations for the Crusade.

Of his predecessor, Chief Bill Seng, Chief Clark says, "He did such an amazing job leading this organization from mainly a volunteer base and two stations, to where we are today with almost 100 full time employees, four stations, and an EMS service. While it will be difficult to replace a person like this, who has been so important to this organization and the St. Matthews Community, I am fortunate to have an amazing group of co-workers working with me to help."

Some of the changes that have occurred include the hiring of the first female firefighter for the department, Cody Burton. Chief Clark says that "Cody has been a valuable asset to the organization," and that he is fortunate to have some of the best individuals working for the department, who are very dedicated to what they do. He also said that, "For the first time in the history of the department, we are hiring individuals without any firefighting experience. It is a completely new process, but what I love about it is that it will allow us to hire a more diverse group of individuals who will come in with fresh perspectives and a wide array of skill sets. I am very excited about this process."

Chief Clark adds, "The fire department's Mission Statement and

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# A Message From...

## New St. Matthews Website Coming Soon!

The City is hard at work updating our website, which will enable users to easily locate info and access departments, forms, and parks quickly. The home page will have drop down menus where you can find all listings. The new website will provide easy and accurate information at your fingertips any time of day or night. The new website will be launched November 1. Be sure to visit [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov) soon!



### PLEASE SHOP LOCALLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

As you begin to shop for your holiday gifts, don't forget to check out your local shops. During these times of COVID-19, supporting small businesses is a way to support the local merchants that make St. Matthews such a wonderful place to work and live.

## Hometown History—General Robert Breckenridge

General Robert Breckenridge, born Augusta County, Virginia 1754, died in present day St. Matthews September 10, 1833. He located to the area and was by trade a farmer and merchant. It was noted in his obituary that "he was an old and wealthy man, but not married." His residence and property were located nearby the settlement fort called Woodville (Floyds Station) by Col. John Floyd, in the present day area of Jamestown Apartments in St. Matthews.

Robert Breckenridge was a lieutenant in the American Revolution, and was one of many, including his brother Alexander Breckenridge, who were captured by the British and held prisoner aboard a ship in Charleston Harbour South Carolina from 1780-1781.

He was a member of the Kentucky Convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States and served four terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives where he holds the distinction of being its first speaker.

At his death he divided half of his property, including lands and slaves, to Mrs. Marion Breckenridge in trust for the children of his nephew Henry, and the other half to his nephew James in trust for his daughter Mary Eliza. He ordered upon his death that three of his slaves be set free.

His funeral was presided over by a

Harvard Divinity School graduate, the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, who had moved to Louisville to establish a Unitarian Church at Fifth and Walnut streets. Rev. Clarke wrote in a letter to a friend, giving an enlightening account of his experience: "I have just attended the funeral of one of the first settlers. One General Robert Breckenridge, aged 76, came here in 1780, having been in the revolutionary war. At the time the settlers were few—these lived in a fort for fear of Indians. He was never married, but left a large fortune to his nephews. The last part of his life was solitary—he lived with few comforts even of those which wealth can procure—very temperate in his diet—drank no spirit. Master of \$100,000, he lived in a room in one of his Louisville [St. Matthews] houses—avoiding society.

I was asked to perform the service which was in the city—but he was to [be] buried on his own place, 6 miles out of town, and they wished me to go out & make a prayer at the grave. So I went with the rest. We passed through an avenue winding through the forest for half a mile until we reached the house— an one story building, poor enough, but very fine for Old Kentucky. The sitting room was decorated with a harpsichord and two old-fashioned card tables. The family burial place was at a little distance beyond the house. The occasion & scenery worked on

my mind & induced me to allude in the prayer to the first settling of the country, and I quoted those striking verses at the commencement of the 44th Psalm. The forest scenery of Kentucky is said to surpass that of any part of Europe. This was chiefly composed of Sycamores of tremendous size and lofty, tapering Beeches with thick clumps at the top... Oak is common also."

In 1928, a part of the old Breckenridge property, consisting of 504 acres was acquired by the park commissioners. Part of the land was utilized for Bowman Field, the remainder was named Seneca Park and it was connected to Cherokee Park.

General Robert Breckenridge is buried in the Floyd-Breckenridge Cemetery on Williamsburg Court in St. Matthews.

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.

*Source material:*  
*The Descendants of Robert and John Poage, Volume 1. by Robert Bell Woodworth*

*St. Matthews - The Crossroads of Beargrass, by Samuel W. Thomas*

[https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wm6NDG\\_General\\_Robert\\_Breckinridge](https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wm6NDG_General_Robert_Breckinridge)

## LIGHT UP St. Matthews

Light Up  
St. Matthews  
Saturday, December 3  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Brown Park



- A FREE annual holiday event
- Music, ice skating
- Event is rain or shine
- Most activities under a big tent
- Letters to Santa and activities for children
- Free hot chocolate and cookies
- Location: Brown Park at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane
- FREE parking at 4007 Kresge Way, Doctor's building
- The event ends at 6 p.m. with the switch is thrown and Brown Park "Lights Up" with thousands and thousands of colorful holiday lights.

In the case of a dangerous weather event OR due to COVID-19 restrictions some changes may occur to keep the event safe.

### Coloring Contest

The Chamber of St. Matthews, City of St. Matthews, and contest sponsor Park Community Credit Union are looking for some talented kiddos to participate in the **Flip the Switch Coloring Contest**. One lucky kiddo and their family will be chosen to Flip the Switch at Brown Park on December 3rd as part of our Light Up St. Matthews event. The deadline for this contest is November 26.

Go to: <https://www.stmatthewschamber.com/light-up/> to download an entry form. To submit the coloring sheets, please send a photo of your entry either through our Facebook page or to [chamber@stmatthewschamber.com](mailto:chamber@stmatthewschamber.com).



## A History of the St. Matthews Potato Festival

In August, the Chamber welcomed back the Potato Festival!

The St. Matthews Produce Exchange, formed by 200 farmers in 1910, grew to become the second-largest potato shipper in the world. Stock in the venture initially sold for \$5 a share; by 1921, when more than 13 million pounds of potatoes were dispatched by rail from the Exchange to all parts of North America, a share was worth \$75. St. Matthews was known as "the potato capital of the world" until 1946, when the Exchange closed its doors. The hangar-like Exchange facility, which included "a frost-proof building for the storage of 10,000 barrels of second-crop potatoes," survives as a shopping center at 211 Clover Lane.

Of course as the years went on, growing the humble potato as the primary source of business changed to St. Matthews becoming one of the most robust business hubs in Louisville. But the community was not ready yet to let the potato and its origins go, even after St. Matthews officially became a city in 1950. The love for the spud is captured permanently in the City's flag, but beyond that the fondness for the root of it all grew into the short-lived, but much loved, St. Matthews Potato Festival.

In 1946 the St. Matthews Community Center sponsored the first ever Potato Festival. The festival was, at that time, meant to be a fundraiser for the Center. The Potato Festival was able to raise more than \$19,000, over \$300,000 in today's dollars.

After 1953 the festival changed forms and names many times until ultimately it was retired, but that didn't stop the community from keeping the lore of the Potato Festival alive. Often, longtime residents, could be found talking about their long lost homegrown festival and all the fun that they had attending while growing up.

This year's event featured vendors, live music and a kids' area with inflatables and carnival games. The Chamber hopes to grow this event into a multi-day event. Future plans include a Mister and Misses Tater Tot and a Ms. Potato Festival pageant, a music series in the park, a potato dish cookoff, fireworks display, and more.

Look for more information about the future of the event at: <https://stmatthewspotatofestival.com/>  
[www.stmatthewschamber.com/st-matthews-potato-festival/](https://www.stmatthewschamber.com/st-matthews-potato-festival/)



## St. Matthews Provides Relief for Eastern Kentucky

*From Chief Wilkerson:* The St. Matthews Police Department joined in relief efforts for those affected by the floods in Eastern Kentucky. This particularly hit home for us as one of our sergeants was born and raised in Letcher County. A St. Matthews resident and supporter, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated the funds that allowed our officers to stay in an RV. Officers used this vehicle as a place to work and sleep which kept us from taking any living area away from those in need.

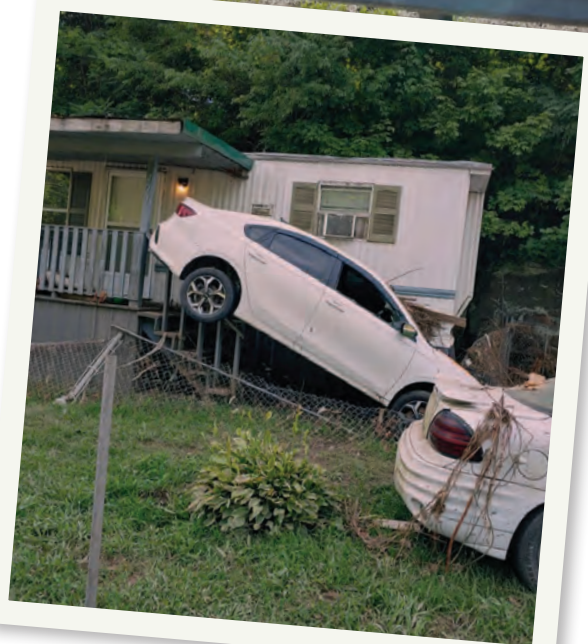
St. Matthews officers worked around the clock for almost a month to supplement the police departments of Jenkins and Fleming Neon. They provided a sense of security for the residents who had lost almost everything. Sadly, looters tried to take what was left but our officers were able to deter most of them. We also made a significant methamphetamine arrest in those cities. The community was extremely thankful for our help and praised our officers for giving them some peace of mind.

It was our honor to provide assistance to those in Letcher County who were in great need of some stability and order. It was hard to imagine the devastation they faced until we saw it firsthand. As a chief, I am proud of all our officers who stepped up and served here in St. Matthews and in Letcher County.

Additionally, St. Matthews Public Works donated a pickup truck, that was moved to surplus, to the City of Whitesburg (in Letcher County), after receiving City Council approval to do so. The City Council also has approved a loan of an excavator for the City of Whitesburg for up to three months if needed.

The February 2022 issue of *St. Matthews Living* spotlighted the efforts of the St. Matthews Fire Department last winter when many of our western Kentucky cities were devastated by tornadoes on December 10. The next morning the St. Matthews Fire Protection District sent a fully staffed (4 crew) and truck along with a staffed ambulance (3 crew) and a battalion chief and car to Mayfield, Kentucky. They manned the main fire station for weeks rotating men and women in and out until they were relieved by the local fire department.

St. Matthews is truly a caring city that reaches out to its neighbors around the state in need.



## Holiday Shopping Tips

### Safe shopping

1. Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
2. Don't argue or fight over an item.
3. Don't take your money out until asked and don't flash a lot of cash.
4. Use only one credit card. Data breaches have occurred in the past at major retailers and credit card companies. Should something similar occur, you can reduce the risk of having multiple cards compromised.
5. Save your receipts and monitor your credit card activity by reviewing your bill immediately or periodically checking the online app.
6. Ask for help moving and loading large items if needed.
7. If shopping with children, select a central location to meet in case you are separated. Teach kids how to ask a security guard or employee for help if they're lost.

### How can I be safer in the car?

1. Be patient when looking for a parking space. Don't speed up to catch that empty (or soon-to-be empty) spot, and be cautious of other drivers who do.

2. Park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
3. Don't leave anything valuable in your car.
4. Lock your vehicle.
5. Make a mental note of where you parked.
6. Have your keys in hand when walking back to your vehicle.
7. Look around and under your vehicle before approaching it.
8. Store shopping bags out of plain sight, in your trunk if possible.
9. Look for other cars or people, and back out slowly.

### How to stay safe when shopping online

1. Stick to retailers you know and, preferably, have shopped with before.
2. Research a business you haven't purchased from before by checking customer reviews or complaints with the Better Business Bureau.
3. Never commit to a deal that seems too good to be true.



4. Avoid using a debit card since dispute reimbursements may be less than credit cards.
5. Refrain from using public Wi-Fi to make purchases, or use a VPN to avoid hackers intercepting your information.
6. Check a webpage's security by looking for the lock icon in the URL field, and making sure the URL starts with "https", not just "http". The "s" means the site is safer and more secure.



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

## Josh Neely, Police Dispatch



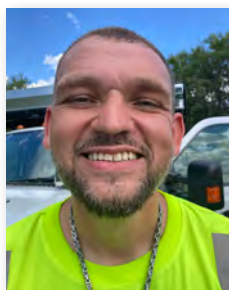
Josh Neely has worked for STM for almost three years as a dispatcher. Prior to that, he worked for 15 years with MetroSafe Dispatch. Having

grown up in St. Matthews, Josh thought that it was a great opportunity to join the St. Matthews team and return to his roots.

Josh likes the variety of the work, and the small town feel of St. Matthews. Josh says, "It's a little bit like Mayberry here!" Providing customer service and helping people are two of the things he likes best about his position. He likes being on a smaller team and working with the officers to help them keep the community safe. Josh and his wife Angie have one son, Joey, 14, a dog and two cats.

Josh, who enjoys riding his bike and frisbee golf, is currently working with Metro Louisville to build a frisbee golf course, which is opening soon!

## John Southwood, Public Works



John Southwood is a very new employee to Public Works, going on just seven months. John, who has a daughter, moved to Louisville for

more opportunities, where he was hired by Public Works.

His main role is landscaping, but he also does painting and other duties. Prior to working for St. Matthews, John worked in a factory, on a farm, and installed carpet. What John likes best about his job is the variety and being able to work outdoors.

John grew up outside of Versailles, Kentucky, and he loves to fish. He didn't say that he had a favorite fishing spot, only that he "likes the adventure of finding the best spot to fish!"

John says he is easy going, open-minded and willing to go out of his way to "help someone." All qualities that make for a great team member!

## Shaun Sargent, Police Dept.



Shaun Sargent, a patrol officer, has been with St. Matthews for 1.5 years. Prior to that he had worked with Louisville Metro Corrections (2011-14) and then with

Louisville Metro Police from 2014-2021. He worked with the 1st Division, which is in the heart of downtown Louisville. He was on the Special Response Team, Special Operations Response Team and the Bicycle Response Team.

Officer Sargent felt that serving St. Matthews would be a good change and he is very appreciative of the support from Mayor Tonini, the City Council, and the public. What he likes best about his job is interacting with people and helping them.

Officer Sargent is married to his high school sweetheart and they have three boys; 18, 15 years and a one-year old, which keeps him busy. In his spare time, he enjoys sports, working out, creating art and offroading in his jeep.

## 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!

You can change your choice of methods at any time, 24/7, by logging in to their Reach Alert account.

You can choose to receive ONLY ALERTS, or ONLY REMINDERS, or BOTH. These options can also be changed by the User at any time, 24/7, by logging in to their RA account.

Alerts, depending upon the level of importance, are normally dispatched during the afternoon hours to bring the least amount of disturbance to life schedules as possible.. High level of importance, and emergency message, will be dispatched ASAP.

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

## Completed Projects

- Maintained all the green spaces in parks and right-of-ways.
- Performed two Green Ups throughout the City
- Road/Drainage Improvement on Sherburn Lane
- Community Center Renovation Project
- Rehab and new construction of the walking trails in Brown Park

## Current Projects

- Citywide leaf pick up
- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch – finalizing ACOE review and approval
- Phased street sign replacement project ongoing

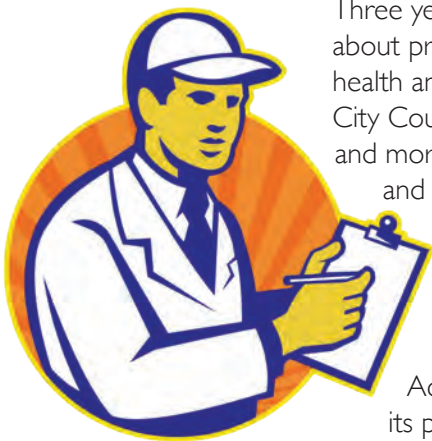
- Drainage improvements to Girard Drive are in design.
- Drainage improvements on Kentucky Avenue between Kentucky Avenue and Washburn, joint project with MSD
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park

## Future Projects

- Electric improvements at Brown Park
- New restroom at Community Center Park
- New plaque at Draut Park
- Master plan for Warwick Park – Phase One budgeted for fiscal year 22/23



## Code Words



Three years ago, due to its concern about property values and public health and safety, the St. Matthews City Council passed an updated and more comprehensive nuisance and property maintenance ordinance—Ordinance #19-06. Chap. 94 of *St. Matthews Code of Ordinances*

According to the ordinance, its purpose is “to provide for the abatement of conditions considered

to be offensive, detrimental to property values and community appearance, an obstruction to or interference with the comfortable enjoyment of adjacent property or premises, or hazardous or injurious to the health, safety or welfare of the general public, and to provide reasonable standards to safeguard life, health and public welfare.”

The ordinance has a thorough definitions section to assist everyone in understanding what is and is not viewed as a nuisance or other violation, along with a section concerning property maintenance standards.

The City’s expectations are followed by a section on enforcement and penalties. Enforcement may be carried out by Code Enforcement Officers or by City of St. Matthews Police Department officers. When an officer learns of a nuisance condition, notice is given to the resident to remedy or abate the condition along with a timeframe for taking action, based upon the nature of the condition. Failure to remedy or abate a nuisance condition may result in fines beginning at \$50 per each day that a violation continues, and may accumulate to as much as \$6,000 for the same or similar violations. If the officer determines that the severity of the violation warrants immediate action, the officer may have the violation remedied or abated in accordance with state law by using City labor and materials.

The City will create a lien against the property for the reasonable value of the labor and materials used and can pursue court action if appropriate. As is the case in the vast majority of the City’s enforcement efforts, compliance, not punishment, is the goal. Being mindful of how each of us affects our neighbors goes along way to keeping St. Matthews the kind of City where everyone wants to live.

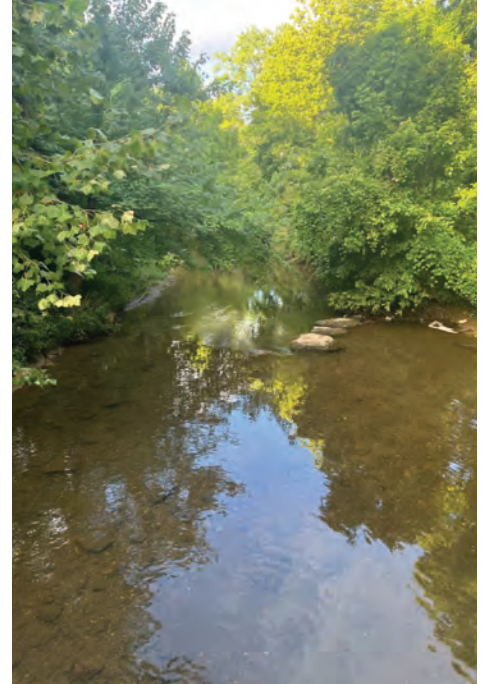


# Park Place

The approximately 24.4-acre Draut Park was originally developed in 1994 to be used for flood retention during heavy rains and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities. The park was renovated in 2002 and 2003 to incorporate asphalt walking trails and a parking area. At that time, flood control basins were constructed and the upper approximately 400 feet of Middle Fork were relocated.

Recent observations identified approximately 1,300 linear feet of streambank along Middle Fork needing stabilization, of which approximately 1,175 feet of the degraded streambank will likely require some level of grading as part of the bank stabilization measures. Sediment accumulation within the large flood control basin has also been identified. The City of St. Matthews has contracted with RES, an environmental engineering consultant to develop plans to reduce erosion and sedimentation. Currently they are working with the Army Corps of Engineers on permitting.

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



## Hot Off The Press

**Enjoy a safe holiday candlelit dinner. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of home fires during the holidays, so be extra careful when cooking.**

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

**Here's what to do if grease in a pot or pan catches fire:**

- Smother the flames by covering the pan with a lid. Do not remove the lid until the pan is completely cooled.
- Turn off the heat immediately.

- Use baking soda (flour can be explosive) on shallow grease fires.
- Never turn on the overhead fan, as this could spread the fire.
- Never throw water on a grease fire.

### Candles

- Extinguish candles when leaving the room or going to sleep. Keep lit candles away from items that can catch fire
- Place candles in sturdy, burn-resistant containers that won't tip over and are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Don't place lit candles near windows, where blinds or curtains may close or blow over them.
- Don't use candles in high traffic areas where children or pets could knock them over.
- Never let candles burn out completely. Extinguish them when they get to within two inches of the holder or decorative material.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a room with lit candles. Do not allow



older children to light candles in their bedrooms. A forgotten candle or an accident is all it takes to start a fire.

- During power outages, exercise caution when using candles as a light source. Many destructive fires start when potential fire hazards go unnoticed in the dark.
- Never use a candle for light when fueling equipment such as a heater or lantern.
- Be wary of buying novelty candles. Avoid candles surrounded by flammable paint, paper, dried flowers, or breakable/meltable containers.
- Use extreme caution when carrying a lit candle, holding it well away from your clothes and any combustibles that may be along your path.

Source: <https://www.oafc.on.ca/>



## St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

### For Adults:

Computer Help By Appointment:  
Book a staff member for an hour long one-on-one session. Call 502-574-1771 to schedule your appointment.

**Cave Hill Cemetery**  
**Monday November 7**  
**2:00-3:00 pm**

Join us to learn more about this 296-acre Victorian era National Cemetery and arboretum located in Louisville.

**Movie Poster Show**  
**Starting Saturday December 17 at 10:00, running through 4:30 pm on Saturday December 31**  
Come by to see an amazing collection of alternative film art.



For more programs and events visit [www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org)

### St Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

**Friday December 16**  
**1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**  
**Saturday December 17**  
**10:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
**Sunday December 18**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**



Drop by to check out some fantastic bargains in our wide selection of gently used books. All proceeds benefit the St. Matthews Friends of the Library. Cash only and exact change is appreciated.

**St Matthews Friends of the Library Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 17, 2023**  
**10:00 am**

Join our Friends and learn how to support the Library.



**A FREE computer tune-up and repair service** is offered the first Saturday of each month. The service will be at the St. Matthews Library on Grandview Ave from 1-5 p.m. 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. (dates through the end of the year (11/5, 12/3) If you plan to attend, please contact Rae Taylor at [taylor\\_rae@hotmail.com](mailto:taylor_rae@hotmail.com). We will be limiting the attendance to 5 people. For more information visit [www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com](http://www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com)

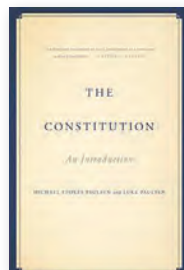
## The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The Alexander Hamilton Society of Kentucky (AHHS) meets every third Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. The meetings are held in the Artisan Room, in the Meadow Building of The Masonic Home, 3701 Frankfort Avenue.

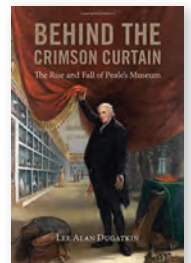
We will also stream the meetings on ZOOM please advise by email ([lauvepoche@att.net](mailto:lauvepoche@att.net)) and we will send you the invitation needed to sign in.

Please use the same email address to request information about AHHS.

**November 19, 2022**  
Prof. Aaron Hoffman  
*The Constitution: An Introduction*  
By Michael Stokes Paulsen and Luke Paulsen



**December 17, 2022**  
Dr. Lee Alan Dugatkin  
*Behind the Crimson Curtain: The Rise and Fall of Peale's Museum*  
By Lee Alan Dugatkin



**January 17, 2023**  
Prof. John McLeod  
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.

## Police New Hires

**Lytle Atherton** served with the Louisville Metro PD for 10 years. During that time, he worked in the 1st Division (downtown). Lytle primarily patrolled the central business district, and the Big Four Bridge area, as well as dealing with numerous business issues downtown. He was on the SWAT team for three years. Also, he worked as an Air Unit Tactical Flight Officer for two years. Lytle has two amazing children. They play baseball and softball, and he is fortunate to coach both of their teams. He lives with his girlfriend of two years, and her two daughters.

**David Kemper** started with the Jefferson County Police Department in 1995. He worked midwatch in all patrol divisions of the JCPD and LMPD after merger except the 2nd and 4th.

He served 15 years on the Underwater Search and Recovery team. David served four years in the Crimes Against Children's Unit. He retired from LMPD in 2015. Following retirement, David served as the chief deputy of the Spencer County Sheriff's Office starting in 2019. He has been married for 31 years. They have two of the "best daughters ever!" One is a 5th grade teacher at Clear Creek Elementary School, and the other is a junior at Western Kentucky University.

**Titus Riner**, a Louisville native, settled in Shelby County, Kentucky with his



Left to right: Lytle Atherton, David Kemper and Titus Riner

wife of 18 years, and their two children. Titus began his law enforcement career at the Attorney General's Office investigating cyber-crimes and doing computer forensics at the Regional Crime Forensics Lab (RCFL). Following that, he worked for the state of Kentucky Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) covering parts of Louisville, including the City of St. Matthews. Most recently, Titus served as a sergeant with the Shelbyville Police Department.

## Easy Being Green

The City offers a FREE "green up" program where the City will remove existing rock or paved vehicle pull-off and restore the area to grass. Contact City Hall for more information.



Establishing grass helps to manage storm water runoff by decreasing the volume, which can overwhelm storm drains, and minimizing pollutants. Water that doesn't soak into soil can't recharge local groundwater sources.

## Fire Chief Nick Clark

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Core Values outline what St. Matthews Fire and EMS is all about. There are many items in our Mission Statement and Core Values that I believe are extremely important but I'll leave you with two that I feel stand out above the rest... 'Provide fast, effective, and

compassionate emergency services to the citizens of the St. Matthews Fire District' and 'We shall restore hope when we can and provide comfort when we cannot.' If we accomplish these two goals, I believe wholeheartedly our neighborhoods

will remain as some of the best places to live and St. Matthews Fire & EMS will continue to thrive and serve the residents of this amazing community."

St. Matthews is fortunate to have Chief Clark in this leadership position.





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

St. MAM has been serving the St. Matthews area for 50 years. We have provided and continue to operate and maintain many services including:

- Child Development Center
- Emergency Assistance
- Early Essentials for Infants/Toddlers
- Kids Closet
- Food Pantry
- Dare to Care
- USDA
- Homebound Delivery
- Senior Commodities
- Purposeful Pantry Garden
- Families in Transition
- Seasonal Programs

We cannot do these things without the support of our community and we ask that you think of us during holiday shopping and end-of-year donations. Visit our website to find out how easy it is. <https://stmam.com/>

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

Free stickers are available at City Hall.



## 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

- Keep storm drains clear to prevent flooding
- Don't block sidewalks or park in yards.
- Control your pets, curtail barking dogs.
- Junk pick up—don't amass debris at the curb

In the event of snow, The City of St. Matthews operates a comprehensive snow removal program. Naturally, main thoroughfares receive attention first, but all City of St. Matthews streets are included in the snow removal service. During snow events, the City asks that residents do their part:

- Park vehicles off the roads to allow snowplows and other equipment to maneuver safely and properly clear roads
- Take care to ensure garbage cans are free from ice. Trash from cans containing water, ice, or garbage frozen to the cans due to lack of proper lids will not be collected.
- Garbage cans should be set out at the street after snowfalls or when sidewalks are icy
- Be a good neighbor and keep the sidewalks beside your residence clear of snow and ice.

## Winter Tips

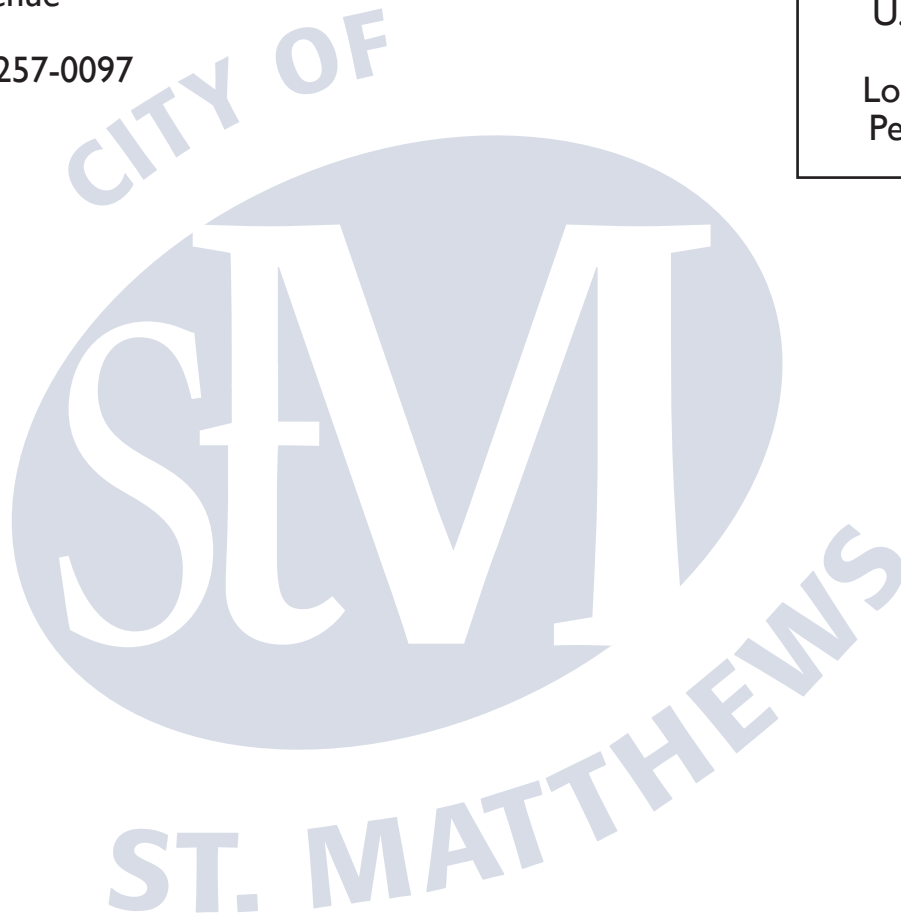
**Struggling to scrape ice off your windshield?** Make an ice-melting mixture of two parts rubbing alcohol to one part water and put it in a spray bottle.

**Modern cars use engine oil rated for colder weather** and have computers that help the engine perform more efficiently in the cold. The Department of Energy says most vehicle manufacturers advise that you should start driving off slowly after 30 seconds—driving helps your engine heat up faster than idling, and you'll get better fuel efficiency as your engine approaches its ideal operating temperature.

**Reduce water pollution and protect pet paws and nearby plants with alternatives to salt** to de-ice your driveway and walkways. Sand absorbs sunlight to help snow and ice melt when applied during the day, and adds traction, so friends, family and passers-by don't slip and fall. Products with calcium chloride are a less-harsh alternative to conventional pavement salt. These work best when temperatures are low, zero to 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Magnesium chloride is another alternative, though it's more expensive and only works in very cold conditions, below -5F.

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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](http://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](http://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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