



## St. Matthews City Council Approves Twinbrook Subdivision Annexation to City

The city of St. Matthews has gotten a little larger as of January, 2023, thanks to the annexation of the Twinbrook subdivision. The residents of the subdivision, Twinbrook Road and Hillside Lane off Hubbards Lane, approached Mayor Tonini in the summer of 2022 about the possibility of becoming part of St. Matthews. Mayor Tonini met with the residents in the home of Lenny and Vicki Lococoo to discuss the annexation. The residents of the 12 homes in the subdivision were interested in obtaining better services and lower taxes, according to Mayor Tonini.

The residents previously had to pay for their own services, including garbage pickup, tree removal, paving and snow removal. The high cost of snow removal last year was a big motivator in them approaching the city. Mayor Tonini said they had been charged quite a bit for snow removal last winter.

Of the annexation, Twinbrook resident Vicki Lococo stated, "I couldn't be happier. In the short time that we have now been part of St. Matthews, they have done everything that they said would do—from leaf pickup to snow removal." She added, "The police coverage has gone up, and officers have stopped to introduce themselves to the neighborhood. Everyone is very happy with the services we are receiving."

According to St. Matthews City Attorney John Singler, "It is a matter of

economy of scale for services such as garbage pickup, snow removal, and getting those services, such as paving, in a timely fashion from Louisville Metro." In a July 27 letter to Metro Council, Mr. Singler had stated that 11 of the 12 homeowners had signed consent to annexation forms. Mr. Singler said that represented almost unanimous agreement so they moved forward with getting the request signed off first by Louisville Metro Council, then worked with the state to get the boundaries changed.

In a September 8, 2022 *Courier Journal* article, Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney, D-7th District was quoted as saying that "residents went to the City of St. Matthews to share their annexation request and desire for 'more personalized services,' such as fire and police protection."

"I will say to you that I am not a big proponent of annexations," McCraney, whose district includes St. Matthews, said during the Aug. 30 committee meeting, later saying the twelfth



Twinbrook subdivision

homeowner also signaled support for the move.

"But with this case, with 12 homes, I do understand why they would like to annex," McCraney added. "I do support the proposal."

The *Courier Journal* article also stated that Monica Harmon, Louisville's chief financial officer, and Aaron Jackson, Louisville's budget director, sent a note to council members that stated Louisville would lose about \$4,020 annually in insurance premium tax revenue from the Twinbrook annexation and \$600 annually in State Municipal Road Aid revenue.

Louisville Metro Government should seek to improve its operations

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# A Message From...

## Annual City Audit Completed

The Accounting Firm of Dean Dorton, who is one of the largest certified public accounting and professional business advisory firms in the Southeast, presented to the city during the council meeting on December 13, the completed audit for the fiscal year 2021–2022. The firm findings were positive. The City of St. Matthews continues to maintain the strong financial position it has sustained for decades. The detailed 2021–2022 audit is accessible on the City website under the Government tab.



## Season's Greetings

### 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.

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

Please use email address (lauvepoche@att.net) to request information about AHHS.

*Our schedule of upcoming speakers:*

#### February 18 2023

at Bellarmine University-Cralle Theatre, Wyatt Center for the Arts  
Ilya Somin, Professor of Law, George Mason University, will be lecturing on the topic "Judicial Review and the Constitution."

#### March 18 2023

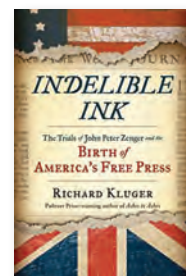
Dr. William Nash will review: *James Madison: America's First Politician* by Jay Cost



#### April 15 2023

Jack Brammer, retired Frankfort Bureau Chief for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, covering politics and government in Kentucky since 1978, will review:

*Indelible Ink: The Trials of John Peter Zenger and the Birth of Freedom of the Press*



*As always, AHHS meetings are open to the public.*

## The Woman's Club of St. Matthews

The Woman's Club of St. Matthews invites you to be our guest on the fourth Monday of each month for an educational program, workshop or field trip. Programs are held at the St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, first floor Noland meeting room at 10:30 a.m. All programs are free, and anyone is welcome to attend. For specific details on program topics visit our website [wscm.org](http://wscm.org).

Come join us! We welcome all interested women to club membership.

Our club focuses on social, charitable, cultural and educational services for, and around, the St. Matthews area.



*Recent WSCM service project*

Contact: Membership Chair Lynn Bridwell for more information at [bridwelllynn@gmail.com](mailto:bridwelllynn@gmail.com)



**Happy Birthday**  
to St. Matthews resident  
Donald Robinson, who turned  
107 on November 21!  
Mayor Tonini went to his home  
and shared a proclamation  
in his honor.



## Changes on the City Council



L-R Sarah Landes, Tim Holland, Stuart Monohan, Nathan Hernandez, Frank Flynn, Amy Olson, Bernie Bowling, Mary Jo Nay, and Mayor Rick Tonini

2023 will bring two new council members, Sarah Landes and Nate Hernandez to the St. Matthews City Council. Longtime council members Cathi Clark and Tony Weiter are coming off the council.

Mayor Tonini said that Cathi Clark has been “an instrumental part of our discussions on insurance and health insurance. She has been a great contributor and I am going to miss her input.”

Tony Weiter, who is in telecommunications real estate, served on the Council for 30+ years. He is proud of the sidewalk program that saw sidewalks installed from Breckenridge Lane to Shelbyville Road, the acquisition of Draut Park, and its development from a swamp to a retention basin which has prevented flooding of neighboring homes that used to flood regularly. Tony also started the Halloween event in Brown Park, which grew from a couple hundred people in 2004 to 5,000 in 2022.

Tony added that he “appreciates the diversity of thought on the council. We didn’t always agree, but we all had the best interests of the residents of St. Matthews in mind.” Mayor Tonini said that Tony has done a great job on the council, and that he has served the community well for decades.

Cathi Clark, who works in the pharmaceutical and insurance industry, says that she ran for City Council four years ago to learn more about how her city works and where tax dollars are spent. She says that it has been an invaluable experience, and that she will continue to volunteer with the City and plans to run again in two years.

One of the projects that Cathi worked on as a council member were city employee health benefits—keeping costs low for employees and giving them the best plan possible.

Dr. Sarah Landes is a 20-year St. Matthews resident, Smith College graduate, U of L School of Medicine graduate and practicing gastroenterologist. She says, “St. Matthews has always been special to me—my grandparents put roots down here many years ago and I had fond memories of the city even before I moved here. I ran for city council out of a desire to give back to this city, and help St. Matthews lead the way as we face the changes and challenges of the future.”

Nathan Hernandez says that “I am a career public servant having worked for state government in the Public Protections Cabinet for six years. I have a degree in Economics and a MPA in Government and Nonprofit Management. I’ve served on the Board of Directors of the Louisville Association for Community Economics (LACE) since 2019. LACE is a startup nonprofit incubating cooperative businesses, like the Louisville Community Grocery. My priorities are to support local businesses and boost economic development.”

Thank you to Tony and Cathi for your service to St. Matthews, and welcome to Nate and Sarah as new council members.



Cathi Clark with Mayor Tonini



Tony Weiter with Mayor Tonini

# Under New Leadership, St. Matthews Fire and EMS are Crossing Boundaries

Chief Nick Clark, who was hired as the St. Matthew's Fire District's new Fire Chief after the retirement of Chief Bill Seng, hit the ground running—addressing the challenges faced by modern Fire and EMS services across the country. For Chief Clark, hiring the replacements for the vacant positions created by retirements was a priority to ensure the district maintained minimum staffing. On October 3, 2022, a first-time initiative for the district came to be a reality through collaborative efforts with neighboring Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS (AMFEMS).

In August 2022, St. Matthews Fire and EMS accepted applications from civilians with no formal fire background or training. Receiving over forty applications, the applicants were administered an online proctored general knowledge test at Trinity High School. After written testing, Candidate Physical Agility Testing (CPAT), and oral interviews, the finalists were offered employment to join the recruit academy.

In partnership with AMFEMS, the six newly hired recruits began their career in fire service on October 3, 2022, at the Fire Academy hosted by AMFEMS. Through this partnership and working with a neighboring fire district, the taxpayers of St. Matthews saved significant money by sharing costs and resources.

After the 26 weeks of academy training, the new fire recruits will graduate as certified Firefighter EMTs, holding many national certifications. Each day, the recruits participate in



daily physical training, lectures from the instructor cadre, and develop their skills to become well trained and educated firefighters that will serve our community with pride for years to come. Currently, the recruits are preparing to take their National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam and will begin fire training in January. The recruit class is expected to graduate in late April and begin serving our community by early May 2023.

*From Patrick R Montague, B.S, CFO Battalion Chief:*



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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## Police New Hire

Dexter Pitts is a U.S. Army veteran who proudly served with the 10th Mountain Division in Iraq. After being wounded in combat and medically retired from the army, Dexter wanted to continue serving and felt a calling to the profession of law enforcement.

In 2009, he joined the Louisville Metro Police Department where he served for 10 years in the West End and downtown. In 2019, he served for one year as a federal agent with the United States Border Patrol in Arizona.

After seeing the civil unrest in Louisville in 2020, he made the decision to return to the LMPD to continue his service in law enforcement.

Dexter is a graduate of the American Military University and holds a bachelor of arts in Criminal Justice. He and his wife Christina have been married for 10 years and have two wonderful children—Brooklynn, age 9 and DJ, age 6.

Dexter is also a published author of an autobiography: *I am Pitts: Memoirs of an American Patriot*.



## Faith & Blue

The St. Matthews Police Department teamed up with Beargrass Christian Church to participate in a national community program, "Faith & Blue." This initiative reinforces connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve through the reach of houses of worship. The police department had a bicycle helmet giveaway for children as well as an interactive display of police vehicles. SWAT operators, patrol officers and the Chief of Police were on hand to answer questions.

Faith & Blue weekend is held the first weekend in October and changes locations each year.



## Park Place

In addition to the new walking trails, Brown Park has gotten new informational and wayfinding signage. The informational signs give a brief history of the property and some historical photos of what the property looked like before the urban footprint as we know it today. The wayfinding signs also prominently display the park rules and outline two optional loops that are approximately 0.85 miles and 0.60 miles. New raised trail markers, displaying the color and direction of the trail, are strategically placed throughout the park to help direct you along the path. The shorter trail is more centralized to the park, where the longer route takes you along the perimeter of the park, across two new bridges, and a new section of trail that runs along Interstate 64.

Please do not feed the wild deer in our city parks. They can become too friendly with the public, which can contribute to health issues.



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

New informational and wayfinding signage in Brown Park



# St. Matthews Team Highlights

## Brian Hellinger, Police Dept.



Officer Brian Hellinger, who grew up in southern Indiana, has been with the St. Matthews police for two years.

He retired as a sergeant after 21 years with Louisville

Metro, having worked in the Portland/Russell area, West End and the last twelve years as Court Liaison Sergeant. Brian says he loves working in St. Matthews. He says that it is so nice to get waved at by residents and have friendly dialogue. He tries to make every interaction with the public a positive one and follows the motto of: "How would I want someone in my role to treat my dad, my mother or my child? I want to let people know they will get treated with dignity and respect when they encounter me."

Brian holds a bachelor's degree in criminal law from U of L, and has a 27-year-old stepson, two-year-old grandbaby, a 16-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son. His children and hobbies like football and home repair keep him very busy.

## Terry Ridgeway, Public Works



Terry Ridgeway, supervisor with Public Works, has been with the city of St. Matthews for 46 years! Prior to that, he was in remodeling,

which he says he still enjoys doing. A Louisville native, Terry is married with two sons, four grandchildren, and lives in St. Matthews.

Terry says his favorite part of his position is making sure "the job gets done." He enjoys working for all of the council members and the mayor. He says that Mayor Tonini even comes out to help the public works employees with tree removal, and did so in December in the frigid temperatures. That is the biggest part of their job in the winter; Terry reports—snow removal and tree pickup. Starting in January and February, they will start planting trees. Terry says that he plans on continuing to work for the city, which is good news for St. Matthews!

## Darci Russ, Police Dispatch



Darci Russ, a Louisville native, has worked for St. Matthews for six years. She retired from Louisville Metrosafe as a

dispatcher after 21 years prior to joining St. Matthews. Darci, who holds a degree in law enforcement from U of L, says her favorite part of her job is when she can be positive in an emergency and work to resolve the problem or crisis. She enjoys the teamwork of everyone coming together in these situations.

Darci is married to a retired Louisville police officer, and has one daughter and one step-daughter. She lives in Taylorsville, where she enjoys gardening, hiking on the 450 acres behind their property, biking and walking with their Belgian Malamute, "Chapo."

## Sign Up for REACH Alert through the new STM website!



Stay informed by registering for the **Free** St. Matthews (city) Reach Alert messaging at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov). It only takes one minute to register, and messages are dispatched 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

- Drainage Improvements on Kentucky Avenue between Kentucky and Washburn, joint project with MSD.
- Removed several dead trees in our city parks to make sure that common areas remain safe
- Alley improvements between Warner and Hycliffe
- Patched pot holes on many city streets
- Community Center Renovation Project
- Rehab and new construction of the walking trails in Brown Park
- Resurfaced Sherburn Lane, Girard, Greenway, Osborne, Hycliffe and Graham
- Restriped Ten Pin Lane & Mallard Creek
- Leaf collection throughout the City
- Drainage improvement off Herr Lane
- Snow and Ice Removal: The City of St. Matthews operates a comprehensive snow removal program. On smaller snow events, in an effort to be fiscally responsible, the City will only salt the intersections. All major roads—Shelbyville Road, Westport Road, Hubbards Lane, Browns Lane, Bowling Blvd. and Breckenridge Lane are the responsibility of Louisville Metro and the State of Kentucky.



## Current Projects

- Drainage Improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch—finalizing ACOE review and approval
- Phased street sign replacement project ongoing
- Drainage Improvements to Girard Drive design
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park
- Design for Phase I of Warwick Park Improvements
- Exterior improvements to Community Center
- Tree planting program throughout City right-of-way and parks

## Future Projects

- Electric improvements at Brown Park
- New restroom at Community Center Park
- New plaque at Draut Park

## St. Matthews Chamber Receives Awards

The Chamber received Excellence in Membership Growth for the fourth year in a row at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executive (KCEE) Annual Conference. In addition, The Chamber won Innovation Excellence for their non-traditional approach to their Business Luncheons in 2021. During that year, their luncheons were all virtual and they took members on experiences virtually, such as tours of Holiday World & Splashin Safari, meeting Louisville Zoo staff and Churchill Downs.

"I am very proud of our team and the work we have done over the last year. It means a lot to be recognized by our peers for our hard work. We are honored to receive these awards," said Josh Suiter, The Chamber's CEO.

Chamber Board Member Sara Aschbacher was chosen as KCCE's Young Professional of the Year, which is an award that recognizes a local chamber's young professional for

the time they give to their local chamber and the community. Aschbacher is a third-generation employee at Lincoln Insurance Agency in St. Matthews. She and her father work side by side. Sara is also a Chamber Ambassador and in their wedding and hospitality group.

"We are so happy KCCE honored Sara. She is an amazing volunteer, Chamber supporter and ambassador for shopping local," Suiter added.

In addition, Suiter was officially approved by the membership of KCCE at the dinner as their new President. He will serve as president through September 2023.

*Top: Josh Suiter, Chamber of St. Matthews CEO and Amy Cloud, Executive Director of KCCE.  
Bottom: Sara Aschbacher of Lincoln Insurance Agency and Amy Cloud*



## Hometown History—Chenoweth Lane Namesake

The strategic crossroad that connected the Brownsboro Turnpike with the St. Matthews Church and the St. Matthews' post office, "was established as a public road forever on May 18, 1874," over the objections of William C. and Hannah Williams, the contiguous land owners. The through road would be named for John Henry Chenoweth, M.D. (1825-1905), a descendant of one of Louisville's first families. His grandfather, Absolom Chenoweth, was related to Captain Richard Chenoweth (1734-1802), whose family accompanied George Rogers Clark to the Falls of the Ohio in May 1778, and was responsible for the construction of Fort Nelson before establishing his own station near Middletown. Fort Nelson, built in 1781 by troops under George Rogers Clark including Captain Richard Chenoweth, was the second on-shore fort on the Ohio River in the area of what is now downtown Louisville, Kentucky.

John Henry Chenoweth was born in Jeffersontown in 1825, but, soon after, his father moved near St. Matthews on the Shelbyville Road. John Henry attended a local school taught by Robert N. Smith, where he became proficient enough in mathematics, Latin, Greek, and surveying, to enter medical school at age 17. He graduated from the Louisville Medical Institute in 1844. For several years he practiced with Dr. Joseph Knight before moving back to the country to restore his health.

In 1855, Dr. Henry Chenoweth married Helen Martin Bullitt (1835-1896), daughter of the William C. Bullitts', and during the next few years the couple lived at both Oxmoor and Ridgeway.

In 1860, Mrs. Chenoweth's aunt, Helen Bullitt Massie Martin Key, gave Dr. Henry and wife Helen a 20-acre section of Ridgeway, which they called, appropriately, Ridgeway Corner. On what had been a hemp field, they began building an Italianate residence, which was completed with some Gothic Revival features in 1869. With a gift of an additional 20-acres and the purchase of 58 acres more, the homestead once occupied 98 acres.



*The former home of John Henry Chenoweth, M.D. The house today still retains its original beauty and charm.*

Dr. Chenoweth's medical practice extended from Clifton to Anchorage and from the Ohio River to Bardstown Road. House calls were made by carriage or on horseback where there were not roads or roads were impassable. His horses were recognized for being quite spirited. In spare moments he tended an extensive garden and raised as many as five hundred game chickens.

Subsequently, his son, Dr. James S. Chenoweth, lived at Ridgeway Corner, as well as the young Dr. Chenoweth's daughter's family, the Alexander Heyburns. As of the 1999 publication of the book, *St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass*, the Ridgeway Corner home property has continuously been the residence of the John Welburn Brown Family since 1940.

The house sits today at 255 Chenoweth Lane, tucked quietly among the grand trees, away from the hustle and bustle of today, and looks just as lovely.

*[Excerpt from St. Matthews—the Crossroads of Beargrass by Samuel W. Thomas]*

**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.



## St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

### For Adults:

#### Fast Skills

Wednesday, February 8  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

This class centers on ways to lower your blood pressure and cholesterol through healthy lifestyle changes.

Registration is required: (502) 574-1771



#### English Conversation Club

Mondays, February 13 & 27  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

A relaxed and informal environment for non-native speakers. For more information, email Kelli.Miller@lfpl.org, or call 502-547-1771

#### 52 Week Home Organization Challenge

Tuesday, February 21  
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Call (502) 574-1771 to register.



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

#### Café LOUIE: St. Matthews

Saturday, February 25  
9:00 am - 10:00 am

This is an informal meeting with state representatives and senators, along with Metro Council and suburban city elected officials.



#### St Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday March 17, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Sat. March 18, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Sunday March 19, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### For Children and Families:

#### Family Movie Night: How to Train Your Dragon 2

Thursday, February 23, 6:30–8:30 pm  
Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged! Movie starts at 6:30 pm

#### ACT Practice Test

Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Take a FREE full-length ACT practice test for students who wish to gain experience taking the ACT. Please bring two #2 pencils, a photo ID, and

a calculator. Call 574-1771 to register, limit 25. Grades 7th – 12th

#### Exploring Art: Jacob Lawrence

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Join us as we learn about artist Jacob Lawrence. Ages 6-12

### Regularly Occurring Children's Programs:

**Baby Storytime** - Every Wednesday from 10:15 am to 10:45 am

**Toddler Storytime** - Every Wednesday from 11:15 am to 11:45 am

**Preschool Storytime** - every Thursday from 10:15 am to 10:45 am

**Family Storytime** - every Thursday from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm

**Mix it Up Monday Storytime** second Monday of the month from 10:30 am to 11:00 am

**Pint-Size Playdate** first Saturday of the month from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Join us on the first Saturday of each month to meet new families and enjoy social playtime. Ages 0-5



## Easy Being Green

**Sustainable Gardening** Hang up a bird nesting box and choose some native plants for birds to include in your garden this spring. Continue to feed wild birds through the remaining winter weeks. Black oil sunflower seeds and suet cakes are a good choice for a wide variety of birds. Keep feeders clean and provide fresh water. Birds eat a lot of insects in the spring and summertime—good natural pest control!

**Spring bulbs** can still be planted if the ground is not frozen. Inspect the bulbs and plant only the solid, healthy ones as bulbs can deteriorate when stored. They may still bloom this year but will not be as vigorous. Do not cut back the green foliage that emerges, let it die back naturally.



#### Removing ice without de-icer

There are several steps you can take to remove thin layers of ice on small areas such as the house steps:

- Apply warm water mixed with table salt, water conditioner salt, or the brine backwash from a water conditioner.
- Use sand, ashes, or kitty litter to improve traction on icy areas.
- Once a dry route to the house has been established, block off slippery

areas to prevent personal injury.

- If an ice storm is predicted, cover small areas or steps with heavy plastic or other waterproof material.

#### FREE TREES

The City of St. Matthews Public Works Department plants new trees in the right-of-way areas throughout the city yearly during the month of January/February. These city trees are native species which are best suited to our area and will require minimal effort to maintain. To request a free tree to be planted in front of your property, in the right-of-way area, contact St. Matthews Public Works at (502) 899-2517, or use the Contact Us or Request a Tree form on the city website.

# Code Words

In this section we try to remind citizens of those provisions of our Code of Ordinances that sometimes are forgotten or about which new residents of our City may be unaware.

While the city contracts with Rumpke for residential waste collection, there are rules as to when and how residential solid waste is to be placed for collection. Section 50.01, (F), of the Code of Ordinances provides that it is unlawful to, "set out for curbside collection, garbage, yard waste, recycling, large items, limbs, or junk more than 24 hours in advance of the normal collection date. Any carts, cans or containers must be moved back from the curb to the principal structure or garage within 24 hours after collection. Any garbage, yard waste, recycling, large items, limbs, junk, or anything else set out, but which was not collected, or refused for collection, must be removed from the curb and brought back to the residence within 24 hours of the pickup for which it was set out for collection."

We regularly receive complaints about cans, carts, and waste being placed at the curb too early or left at the curb longer than allowed. Numerous reasons seem to be the cause. Yard waste, large items, limbs, and junk often are not properly prepared for Rumpke to collect. Yard waste and limbs must be in a container that can be reasonably lifted by the collection crew or bundled at a size that they can lift into the truck. Various large items also require special handling (like mattresses, overstuffed furniture, etc.) or appliances. If your need to discard such items and wish for Rumpke to pick them up, please contact Rumpke several days in advance of your collection date to schedule the



pickup and to learn of any special treatment needed (such as wrapping mattresses) either at [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) or 1-800-828-8171.

As the cold weather settles in, we can anticipate the arrival of snowfall. While the depth of the snow usually varies by the event, accumulation of any depth on the sidewalks throughout the city creates a serious hazard for those using the sidewalks. For practically as long as St. Matthews has been a city, we have had an Ordinance (92.15) requiring the occupant of property abutting a public street in the City to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of the property within 24 hours after the fall of snow. This requirement is for the safety of everyone, and, when everyone does their part, what seems like a large task is accomplished with a little effort from all and not with a lot of effort by a few.

Often, when we contact the property owner about a complaint we have received, there are circumstances that have created a difficulty for the property owner to comply as they have previously. If you observe a possible violation, we encourage you to try to approach neighbor to see if they are in need of some kind of assistance. You may be in a position to personally help or to assist your neighbor in finding help with their trash or clearing the sidewalk.

## Twinbrook Annexation *Continued from page 1*

"everywhere" if residents in one area feel they are not receiving adequate services, argued Councilman Brent Ackerson D-26th District.

There could be more requests for annexations in the future, due to the passing of House Bill 314 by Kentucky's General Assembly. When the law takes effect in 2024, new annexations or new cities with at least 6,000 residents within Louisville Metro, but outside the Urban Service District, can form if at least 66% of voters in the qualified area sign a petition.

The city of Louisville has lowered property taxes from 2.89 cents per

\$100 of assessed value to 12.4 cents, giving a \$4.90 in savings for every \$100,000 of assessed property value. At the same time, those living in the Urban Service District – the old, pre-merger city of Louisville boundary – will see rates rise from 35.46 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 35.8 cents, which amounts to an increase of \$3.40 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Mayor Tonini also said that thanks to the revenue from business taxes in St. Matthews, that residents enjoy some of the lowest property tax rates in the county and, excellent response times from fire and police as well as the

other many services the city provides.

According to the St. Matthews city website, "The St. Matthews City Council has made every effort to establish and maintain a moderate ad valorem tax rate. For many years, the property tax rate has been reduced from \$.25 to \$.20 per \$100 of assessed value. The city also offers a 40% discount to be given on all tax bills if paid on or before October 31. This annual reduction rate, along with the generous discount, gives the City of St. Matthews one of the lowest, if not the lowest, tax rate in the county." Robust services and a low tax rate make St. Matthews a great place to live.





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<https://www.facebook.com/wearestmam>

You can also subscribe to our newsletter by visiting <https://mailchi.mp/31f6fb292a4e/signupforstmamemails>

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.

## St. Matthews Baseball Updates!

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



**We are always in need of additional sponsors each season as well as coaches!**

Please visit <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/> for more information on how you can sponsor a team or coach.

## Levi Gladstein Second Annual Used Equipment Sale

St. Matthews Baseball is looking for gently used equipment donations for Levi Gladstein's Second Annual Used Equipment Sale (taking place in the spring of 2023). All of the funds raised will go towards STM Little League baseball scholarships. For more information or to donate equipment or funds contact Heather Gladstein: [heathergladstein@gmail.com](mailto:heathergladstein@gmail.com) or 917.658.6451

## Check Out Our New Website:

[www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov)

Our new website is up and running, and some of the new features include:

- Public Notices on the front page
- All city forms available
- Direct connects to utility companies
- Direct connects to Fire Protection, or Ambulance service



## Website Events Posting

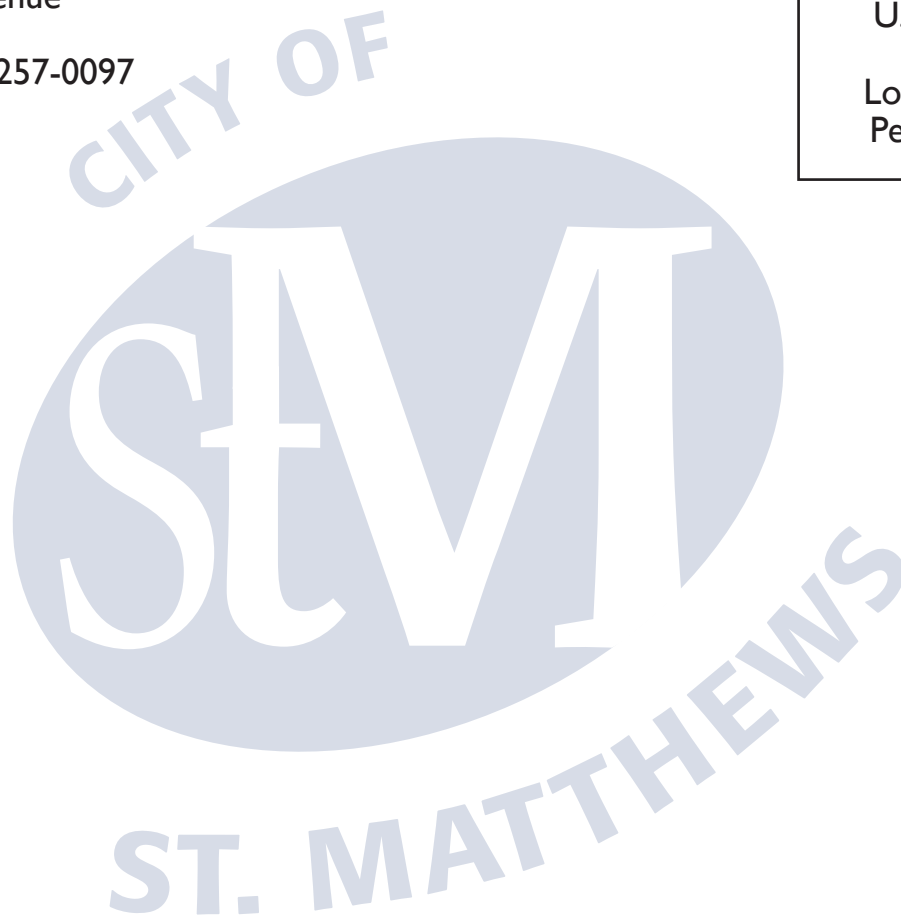
Do you know of a St Matthews area free event, open to the public? Would you like to have it posted on the front page of the new city website? Contact STM administration at 895-9444.



**A FREE computer tune-up and repair service** is offered the first Saturday of each month on February 4 and March 4. 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 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](mailto:taylor_rae@hotmail.com). We will be limiting the attendance to three people. For more information visit [www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com](http://www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com)

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## Your Elected Officials for the City of St. Matthews:

Mayor Richard J. Tonini

### *City Council*

Bernard Bowling

Frank Flynn

Nate Hernandez

Tim Holland

Sarah Landes

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

Amy Olson

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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