



Introducing The Arterburn

The Arterburn, formerly known as the St. Matthews Community Center, has undergone an extensive renovation and name change. The new name, The Arterburn, represents a return to its history, and honors the family that once owned the property that is now Community Park and the community center:

According to *St. Matthews—The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas, Arterburn family patriarch William Arterburn Sr. (1745–1816) and his wife, Rachel Smoot Arterburn (1775–1872), came to the area about 1800. They were farmers and owned vast acreage in and around present-day St. Matthews. William and Rachel were the parents of nine boys, several who banded together and once owned “tremendous farm holdings on both sides of Shelbyville Road.”



The Arterburn, formerly the St. Matthews Community Center

City records show that on December 23, 1980 the City of St. Matthews purchased, from the Arterburn family, a parcel of Community Park property, being 13.3543 acres on which the current Arterburn building stands. The

land deed refers to the real estate as “commonly known as Arterburn Park.”

Council minutes from 1981 include a decree by then Mayor Bowling, Sr. and City Council members to name the Community Center Building, Arterburn Hall, after the Arterburn family.

The original Community Center building was lost in a fire and the existing building was erected in 1982. City officials are not sure why the name fell by the wayside over the years, but it is their intent to restore the name that was decreed originally.

During recent Parks Committee meetings, the name Arterburn Hall was discussed, and it was the Parks Committee's recommendation that the name be shortened to The Arterburn, in the same style of names for other event venues such as The Olmstead.



Patio area

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A Message From...

Cathi Clark replaces Stuart Monohan on City Council

City Council member Stuart Monohan, last re-elected in the 2022 General Election, has resigned from the City Council effective Feb 7, 2023, as he and his wife moved out of the city. Stuart served St. Matthews for 20 years, first taking office in January 2003. Stuart served as Parks Committee Chair for many years, working with other committee members to make improvement recommendations for all four of our city parks and various green spaces. In addition to serving on the City Council, Stuart is the Assistant Fire Chief for the St Matthews Fire Protection District.

Stuart, who was born and raised in St. Matthews, says that it was a difficult decision to move. He and his wife had property in Trimble County, and decided to downsize, and build a home there after spending most of their free time there. Stuart says, "I loved all of my twenty years serving the City on the council, and will continue to serve on the fire department."

Adhering to State of Kentucky election rules, the St. Matthews City Council was tasked with appointing a replacement to fill the open position within a 30 day period from the time the council seat was vacated. If not filled within 30 days, the Kentucky

governor has the ability to fill the seat with a person of his choice.

Stuart recommended that past City Council member Cathi Clark replace him on the Council. Cathi had finished in the 9th finish position in the 2022 General Election (top eight finish positions are elected for a two year term). Cathi stated, "I appreciate Stuart's confidence in me, and I am happy to be back on the Council. Insurance will be a huge hurdle in the upcoming year, and I bring the benefit of my background in insurance to the table to help find the most affordable solutions for the employees and taxpayers of St. Matthews."

At the next regular city council meeting on February 14, a motion was made, and approved, that the vacated seat on the city council be filled by Cathi Clark. Cathi was in attendance at the meeting and was sworn in by City Attorney John Singler that evening.

Election rules dictate that Cathi Clark serve as an appointed St. Matthews City Council member until the 2023 General Election in November, where her name must appear on the ballot, and be successfully voted in, to fill the remaining time of the two year term vacated by Stuart Monohan.



Stuart Monohan with Mayor Tonini

The 2023 General Election allows any person interested in serving on the City Council for the remaining time of the vacated city council position to register with the Jefferson County Clerk's office before Tuesday, June 6, and pay the \$50 registration fee to be placed on the ballot for the 2023 election. All City Council candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the city for not less than one year prior to the election, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout their term of office. KRS 83A.040(4)

Stuart Monohan was recognized at the March 28 meeting by Mayor Tonini and City Councilmembers for his valuable and continuous service to the City.



Happy 73rd Birthday to the City of St. Matthews!

On 22 March 1950, through the efforts of Mr. Joe Hughes, Mr. Bernie Gratzner, and Mr. Jim Noland, the city of "St. Matthews" was incorporated as a sixth-class city. It consisted of only three and a half blocks between Chenoweth Lane and St. Matthews Avenue, north of the railroad tracks, but it was a beginning. As Jim Noland, petitioner for incorporation, was quoted in 1950, "The new city would welcome adjacent areas that wished to be annexed." (*St Matthews—The Crossroads of Beargrass*, by Samuel W. Thomas) As was said in 1950, remains true today, St. Matthews IS a welcoming city to all who wish to join us.

At the March 28 City Council meeting, Mayor Tonini, the City Council, and those in attendance enjoyed a bite of cake in recognition of the City of St. Matthews's 73rd anniversary of officially becoming an incorporated city.

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 contact lauvepoche@att.net to request information about AHHS.

Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

May 20, 2023

Bill Nash to present:
*James Madison:
America's First Politician*
by Jay Cost



June 17, 2023

Mark Webster to present: *African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals* by David Hackett Fischer



July 15, 2023

Christopher Poché, Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, University of Louisville to discuss "A Logical Analysis of the Declaration of Independence."

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.

Calling all interested women, "Come join us!" We welcome all women throughout Jefferson and Oldham counties, along with southern Indiana, to club membership.



Derby luncheon fun

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

For more information on The Woman's Club of St. Matthews, contact Membership Chair Lynn Bridwell at bridwelllynn@gmail.com



St. Matthews Independence Day 5K—July 4 at 8 a.m.

The course runs through St. Matthews neighborhoods beginning at St. Matthews Baptist Church. The race is held on Independence Day in honor of veterans and first responders.

All the proceeds from the race go directly back into the community in programs and services. This year's race benefits StMAM and STM Baptist Church "LOVE 40207" campaign.

A donor package document can be found on the City of St. Matthews website Homepage. Contact Race Director Bill Nowak 502-724-2521 or bill.nowak@gmail.com for more information.

The Chamber of St. Matthews Job Fair is May 19

The Chamber of St. Matthews Job Fair is May 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Marriott Louisville East, 1903 Embassy Square Blvd.

Free and open to the public. The job fair will feature a variety of vendors with positions ranging from fulltime to parttime as well as temporary, seasonal and internship opportunities.

Vendor space is available. Email Virginia Hart at VirginiaH@stmatthewschamber.com for details.



Police Beat

Report a Crime/Crime Tips

If you are reporting an emergency situation, call 9-1-1.

If you are reporting an active crime or issue, please call 502-893-9000.

An online form, found on the city website, is available to use to inform police of a crime which you have information about.

Neighborhood Safety

- Keep garage and vehicle doors closed
- Record brand, color, model and serial numbers of lawn care equipment

House Watch Program

St. Matthews City residents may utilize the department's House Watch program by completing the online House Watch Request form or by contacting the department at (502) 893-9000 prior to your departure.

Officers will attempt to check the property each shift unless there are unforeseen circumstances. We are unable to provide this service for the following circumstances or properties:

- If the residential property is unoccupied or vacant (i.e., abandoned, for sale, etc.)
- An apartment or business
- If anyone is staying at the property during the house watch (i.e., relative, family friend, etc.).

<https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/house-watch-form/>

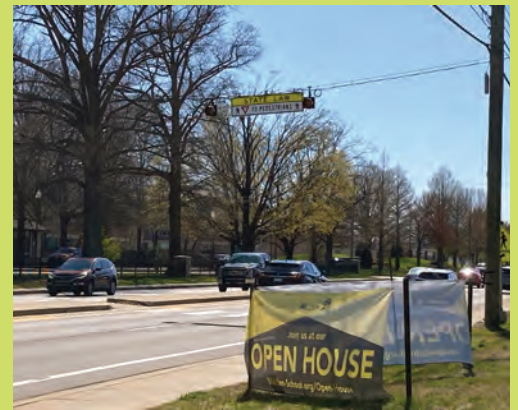
Bike Safety

- Wear a helmet and other safety gear when riding bikes, scooters or skateboards. Studies show helmets can cut the risk of head injury in half.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing

- Always ride with traffic, never against it
- Parents be aware of where kids are going
- Lock your bike
- Be sure to record the name, model, color, and serial number of your bicycle. Police can use this information to help recover your bicycle if it is lost or stolen.

Drivers be aware!

- Pay extra attention to the increase in pedestrians and bicyclists
- Don't speed
- Don't text or surf the web behind the wheel
- Pay attention
- Look for kids playing near the street and slow down. Children are often unaware of the dangers around them.
- Watch for clues. A ball or bicycle nearby may mean children are close by. Pay attention and always expect the unexpected.
- Keep in mind that school may be out, but children may still be present in school zones for other activities.
- Always watch for children when backing up. Remember, children are smaller and much harder to see when walking around parked vehicles.



Always Yield to Pedestrians

It has been brought to light that Walden School students and others, using the designated crossing on Westport Road, are confronted regularly with motorists not yielding as these pedestrians cross the road, to and from, the school's athletic field.

Per KRS 189.570, when traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

Please be cognizant of all pedestrian crossings, especially those not located at designed traffic intersections. Your negligence of the law could cost a life.

National Night Out St. Matthews Community Park August 1, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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



Chief Clark Initiates Department's Emergency Operations Center and Incident Management Team for Wind Event

Friday, March 3, 2023, started as a typical day around St. Matthews Fire and EMS with normal routines, training, and call volumes, but a storm was brewing in the background. The National Weather Service (NWS) was predicting a wind event behind a storm system that would be approaching the St. Matthews community around 3 pm.

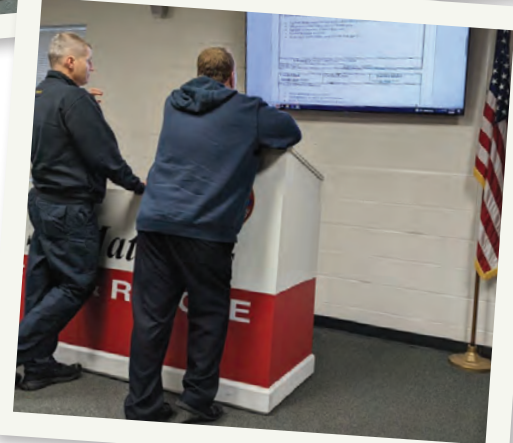
It was one of the first weather-related events under the leadership of Chief Nick Clark. Chief Clark initiated the district's Incident Management Team (IMT). The mission of the IMT is to develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) and to manage the fire district's resources during an operational period of time that experiences high call volumes. IMT staff are specifically trained through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is required of all Chief Officers at St. Matthews Fire and EMS.

The IMT works from a central point within the fire district, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), where they receive requests for service from Metro-Safe, assign fire and EMS units, and track the resources of the district.

The operational period for the wind event began at 3 pm and ended at midnight.

During this period, St. Matthews Fire and EMS responded to over seventy 911 calls for service, a structure fire on Hurstbourne Lane with Jeffersontown Fire and EMS, and a lengthy auto extrication on Blankenbaker Lane. A mutual-aid request was made for an extra Engine Company that was deployed from the Zoneton Fire Protection District in Bullitt County to assist St. Matthews fire units on the streets. St. Matthews Fire and EMS successfully responded to all calls of service within the district which largely entailed downed power lines and transformer fires.

Chief Clark's decision to deploy the IMT allowed district leadership to test the district's new Microsoft platforms for information sharing and communications. The use of modern cloud-based technology allowed the IMT staff to work seamlessly as they communicated the operational plan,



Top: Emergency Operations Center
Bottom: Chief Clark and Asst Chief Flynn approve the operational plan.

internal communications, and tracked resources. St. Matthews Fire and EMS remains committed to our community regardless of what disaster might strike our community.



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

David Kemper, Police Dept.



Officer David Kemper has been with the St. Matthews Police Department since August 2022. Prior to that, he was

an officer with Louisville Metro for twenty years, the last 3½ of those years with the Crimes Against Children unit.

Officer Kemper likes the small department environment and the laid-back atmosphere of St. Matthews. A Louisville native, Officer Kemper grew up in the south end, and also lived in St. Matthews from 1994–2001. Knowing what a great place it was to live in was part of what attracted him to work here.

He and his wife have two grown daughters, and in his free time, he enjoys boating at Rough River Lake, something he has enjoyed since he was a boy.

Carl Smith, Public Works



Carl Smith is a new employee of Public Works, having only been on the job for two months! His primary role

is mowing and landscaping, which includes planting trees.

Carl says that he really enjoys his job, especially cutting grass. He likes everyone he works with, and has a friend who teams up with him on the grass cutting.

Carl is from Pendleton County, Kentucky, and he goes back “home” on the weekends to spend time with his five brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. He enjoys deer hunting, and fishing, especially at Kincaid Lake State Park in Falmouth, Kentucky.

Shawn Weatherholt, IT Specialist



Shawn Weatherholt has only been IT director for the City for nine weeks, but has decades of experience in the field. Shawn, who holds a bachelor's degree in Information

Technology from Indiana University, last worked for Sacred Heart Schools. Shawn says he looks for interesting positions, and thought working for a city would be interesting.

Shawn says he is a people person, and likes to change the mindset some have that IT people are boring or condescending. A one-person department, he handles system upgrades, maintenance and interfaces with the web developers.

Shawn is married with four adult children and six grandchildren. With a pool and hot tub at his house, he says their home is the “go-to” place for he and his wife's children and grandchildren, which he really enjoys.

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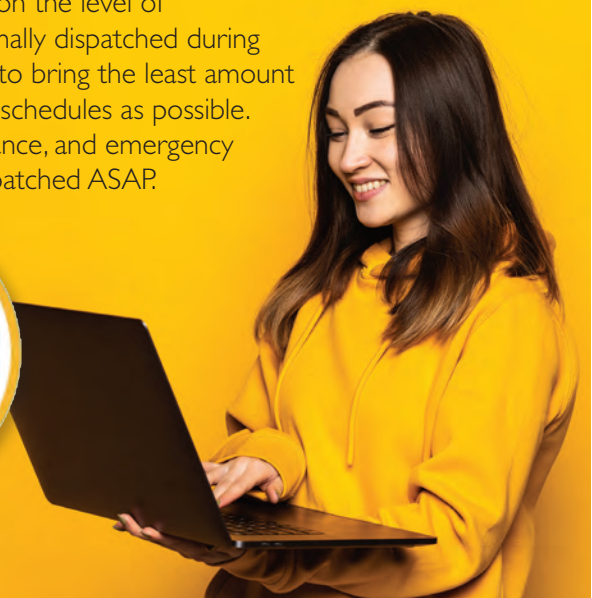
Stay informed by registering for the **Free** St. Matthews (city) Reach Alert messaging at www.stmatthewsky.gov. It only takes one minute to register, and messages are dispatched on an as-needed basis.

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 choose to receive **ONLY ALERTS**, or **ONLY REMINDERS**, or **BOTH**. These options can be changed at any time, 24/7, by logging in to your Reach Alert 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 messages, will be dispatched ASAP.



For help setting up an account, or for more information, call Reach Alert: (877) 307-9313 or visit: www.reachalert.com



Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Storm debris removed throughout the City from multiple fall/winter storms
- Removed several dead trees in our City parks, keeping common areas safe
- Patched potholes on many City streets
- Arterburn interior renovation project
- Maintained safe streets during several snow events
- Trimmed bushes and landscaping at several City parks
- Installed new playground mulch at Community Park

Current Projects

- Painting of existing buildings at Community Park (dugouts and press boxes)
- Exterior improvements to the Arterburn Building
- Tree planting program throughout City right-of-ways and parks
- Design for Phase I of Warwick Park improvements
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park
- Drainage improvements to Girard Drive entering bid process
- Street sign replacement project—current phase area: Breckenridge Lane to Cannons Lane, south of Willis Avenue
- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills ditch – finalizing ACOE review and approval



St. Matthews Chamber Presents Awards

The Chamber of St. Matthews recently held their Annual Meeting on February 23 at The Olmsted. During the event they presented awards to the following winners:

- Ambassador of the Year:
Jonathan Braden, New York Life
- Recruiter of the Year:
Garrett Weed, Benchmark Dirt Worx
and Matthew Thomas, Air Hydro.
- New Member of the Year:
Jeremy Koonce, Custom Select Realty
- Community Champion:
Precision Home Inspections
- Community Service:
Ray Wheeler, St. Matthews Public Works Department
- Excellence in Teaching:
Tyrone Anderson, Waggener High School
- Community Pride:
Lacy Ran, In Balance Bookkeeping
- Non-Profit of the Year:
Veterans Club Inc.
- Innovation Award:
Walden School
- Small Business of the Year:
Rivers Edge Events & Rentals
- Large Business of the Year:
Masonic Homes Kentucky
- Billy Fowler Young Professional of the Year:
Chris Wise, Wise Law LLC
- Albert Sanders Award:
Christy Smallwood, Eagle Eye Strategies

Above and Left: Ray Wheeler, StM Public Works employee, was shocked to receive the Chamber's Community Service, an award created to recognize our public servants for their service in our community.



Notable Area Founder—Holzheimer

Heinrich (Henry) Albert Holzheimer had been born at the crossroads in St. Matthews in 1878. He had grown up on Breckenridge Lane on the 68.14-acre tract his father had farmed since turning over the tavern and grocery he had purchased from Daniel Gilman to the Bauer brothers. His father, Henry Holzeimer originally from Germany, died in 1919 at the age of 93.

In 1926, the 68.14-acre homestead of the late Henry Holzheimer was sold to realtor J.C. Turner and platted in three sections as Breckenridge Villa, creating Wilmington, Willis, Dayton, Nanz, Whiltshire, Wallace, Wendover, Macon, and Bauer avenues in the process. The son, Henry A. Holzheimer received \$28,443 as his portion of the sale. Henry A. then purchased land along Westport Road and continued to farm before working in real estate. Henry A. died in 1963 at the age of 84. On the 8th of March, the day Henry Albert Holzheimer was interred in Cave Hill Cemetery, the Louisville Times reflected on his passing and the changes that had occurred in St. Matthews during the period he and his father had lived and labored there.

The 1963 observance by the *Louisville Times* was quite profound: “Death of Henry A. Holzheimer at his home on Westport Road breaks a link between the busy St. Matthews area and its rural past. Sale of the Holzehimer farm, in fact, marked the beginning of the end of the potato-growing area for St. Matthews, because Breckinridge Villa, built on the farm, became one of the first big subdivisions there and erased the rural atmosphere. Henry Holzheimer’s father moved to St. Matthews soon after the Civil War. After operating a general store where the First National Lincoln Bank now stands, he became one of a number of men—mostly of German origin—who developed the surrounding land into farms. Jefferson County reputedly was the biggest potato producer next to Aroostook County, Maine, early in this century, and St. Matthews became one of the nation’s biggest shipping points. St. Matthews still bears the marks of its transformation, in a relatively few years, from farm land to suburb. The individual farms have become a collection of individual subdivisions, and the business district



Holzheimer Park was named for Heinrich (Henry) Holzheimer, a native of Germany and is located at the northeast corner of Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane.

clusters around what were intersecting county roads beside a railroad grade crossing. Traffic is an insoluble problem, but there is a certain charm in the variety of big stores and small shops, parking lots and walkways, and the devious traffic patterns that have grown up out of necessity. St. Matthews potatoes now come from Idaho and Maine by way of the supermarket, and Henry Holzheimer must often have found the whole thing hard to believe.”

In 1997, the Holzheimer family was recognized by the City of St. Matthews, when the small park, created where the railroad station and a parking area used to be, was named in the family’s honor. The sliver of ground was once part of Henry A. Holzheimer’s vast property holdings in St. Matthews that included 26.5 acres along the west side of Chenoweth Lane from the railroad tracks north to George L. Herr’s subdivision, Elmwood.

[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:

English Conversation Club *We need English speakers*



Every Monday 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
English Conversation Club allows English language learners to practice English with volunteers. For more information, or to be a conversation volunteer email Kelli.Miller@lfpl.org, or call 502-547-1771.

Louisville Miniature Club Display

Friday June 2 from 10:00 – 4:30 pm
Saturday June 3 from 10:00 – 4:30 pm
Sunday June 4 from 1:00 – 4:30 pm
The Louisville Miniature Club will have its beautiful collection of dollhouses and room boxes for everyone to see.

Grades K-12

Snail Mail Saturday!

Saturdays May 13, June 10 and July 8

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Write and decorate letters and envelopes to send out some love into the world! Ages 5-12



Family Yoga with Good Karma Yoga

Fridays June 9, June 23, July 7, & July 21
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Chef Nancy's Kids Club

Thursday June 15
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Join Chef Nancy for a hands-on cooking session. Using NO knives and NO stoves, the class will make two delicious and healthier snacks. Take the recipes home! Limit 20. Ages 6-12
Call 502-407-2032 to register.



Brightside Kids

Saturday June 24
10:30 am – 11:30 am
This one-hour presentation offers young citizens an opportunity to learn about ways they can help the environment. Limit 30.
Call 502-574-1771 to register.



Ages 5-10

Louisville Water Company: Clean Hands Up



Saturday July 15
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Learn why it is important to wash hands and the cool Louisville Water technique for doing it right every time.

Oreya Ou: Chinese Tea Tasting Party

Saturday July 22, 2023
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Chinese tea culture has a deep and rich history. It combines tea craft, art, spirit and soul. During this program, you will see several different Chinese teas, learn about the tea making process, witness how to brew the tea, and do some tea sample tasting. Limit 24. Ages 6+
Call 502-574-1771 to register.

Library Closures:

Saturday May 6 for Derby Day
Monday May 29 for Memorial Day
Monday June 19 for Juneteenth
Tuesday July 4 for Independence Day

For more programs and events visit www.lfpl.org

Easy Being Green

Free Arborist Advice for City Residents

Are you thinking of planting a tree on your property to increase your home's value, reduce utility bills, or provide shade or shelter from the weather? St. Matthews's residents can contact Mr. Daryl Cleary who is the City of St. Matthews arborist, and who is trained and experienced as an urban forester. Mr. Cleary works with city residents to protect and increase the tree canopy throughout our city and reduce the urban heat island effect using healthy maintenance practices.

Does your existing tree need some maintenance, but you are just not sure what should be done to protect the health of the tree? Mr. Cleary



is knowledgeable in the practice of trimming trees to protect power lines, sidewalks, and roadways, and experienced in structural pruning, or dead wooding trees, with a focus on improving the appearance and health of trees while reducing the risks they present to the people around them.

Would you like to remove an existing street tree, or have a tree stump ground where a street tree once stood? All residents must obtain approval from

the city arborist if they are interested in removing an existing street tree, or planting any street tree not provided by the city, in any public right-of-way abutting their respective properties, as these are regulated by the city.

Should an approved street tree be removed, the city will provide free stump grinding upon request. A free tree to be planted in the public right-of-way is also available to all city residents. Contact City Public Works for these services at 899-2517.

To take advantage of this free arborist service for our city residents, contact city arborist Daryl Cleary about an inspection, or general tree question by calling (502) 899-2544, or email him via the Contact Us online form on the city website www.stmatthewsky.gov.

Code Words



With the unseasonably warm weather that we have had this winter, the grass in many yards is already starting to grow. Most of our complaints about high grass, weeds, and overgrowth come in the spring. However, not everything that grows tall or large is a violation of the city's nuisance ordinances.

Section 94.01, (C) of the city's Code of Ordinances defines "WEEDS" as unhealthful plant growth such as but not limited to jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur, kudzu, bamboo, poison ivy or poison oak, or any other growth of a noxious or poisonous kind or any plant growth not intended for aesthetic appeal or other legitimate purpose such as crops, trees, bushes, flowers, ornamental plants. Whether a certain plant or planting is "ornamental" shall be solely determined by any Enforcement Officer designated by the City Council to enforce city ordinances, after consideration as to whether the plants or plantings serve some reasonably discernable and clearly recognizable beautification purpose. Evidence of ornamental characteristics include, but are not limited to: (1) Defined planting boundaries; (2)

Evidence that the resident actually cultivates the plants and plantings regularly to provide for a reasonable

landscape

scheme; (3) Has employed landscape professionals in the planning of the plants or plantings; (4) Can articulate a discernable landscaping scheme for the plants or plantings; and (5) Has spent time or money on the creation and upkeep of the plants or plantings.

Section 94.02, (A), (11), (12), and (13) further declare it to be a public nuisance for any owner or person in control of any real property located in the city to keep, maintain, or utilize such real property in such a manner that any of the following nuisance conditions are found to exist: (11) Permits any weeds, or grass growth, other than crops, trees or ornamental plants or shrubs, to grow to a height exceeding eight inches. It shall be the duty of any owner, operator, agent, or occupant, occupying or controlling real property within the City of St. Matthews to maintain all grass to a maximum height of eight inches and to remove all refuse,

weeds, trash, waste and litter from the sidewalks, curbing, to the edge of the pavement of such streets as are adjacent to such property; (12) Permits any weeds, non-ornamental plants, wild plant or planting, over eight inches in height to remain on any premises; (13) [Permits the] interference with and/or obstruction of a drainage ditch, device or system to inhibit, alter, or prevent proper storm water drainage patterns; or interference or hindrance of any right-of-way by virtue of any object, or vegetation, or that interferes or hinders the use of a sidewalk, or obstructs the sight lines of any roadway.

While the goal of the city's enforcement efforts are always primarily compliance, penalties (including monetary fines) do exist for anyone who, upon notification that a nuisance exists, fails to timely take the necessary steps to eliminate the nuisance, working with the guidance of the enforcement officer.

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Kenan Stratman, director of Public Works, says the venue was completely renovated in 2021-22. Studio Kremer was the architect firm, and Marrilla was the contractor for both exterior and interior renovations.

The exterior renovations include pergolas, a new patio, large sun sail, perimeter fencing, additional parking and new lighting.

Interior renovations include new LED lighting, ceiling, plank vinyl flooring, renovated kitchen and appliances, new AV equipment, renovated

bathrooms, new bridal dressing room with a private bathroom, and a new geothermal HVAC system.

The Arterburn offers a variety of spaces to accommodate most any size private event. Rentable spaces range from a small 46 x 42 ft. to a large 82 x 40 ft., or a sizeable 128 x 40 ft. area, with seating capacity for 100 to 250 guests. The smaller area is suitable for a business workshop, lecture series, or health fair. The sizeable 128 x 40 ft. area is a beautiful venue for weddings, anniversary or retirement celebrations, or family reunions. The spacious and

private outside patio area allows for guests to mingle both inside and outside as seasonal conditions allow.

You may take a virtual tour of The Arterburn and see more information, including rental pricing and a calendar with available dates on the city website or use the QR Code provided.





Personal Hygiene Items Needed

We are in **urgent need of personal hygiene items** to distribute to those that we serve. Items such as **toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo,** etc. Low-income families cannot purchase these necessities with food stamps. Please consider making a donation today.

A **drop off box** is located in the City Hall building, at the St. Matthews Police Department, just inside the building entrance. There is also a box sponsored by the St. Matthews Chamber at their office in the City Hall building, 3rd Floor.

In addition to hygiene items, St. MAM's needs **brown and white rice, Ramen noodles, canned fruits, shampoo, liquid hand wash dish soap, household cleaners and laundry detergent.**

For more information, contact the STMAM office at (502) 893-0205.

Watch for Events on Our Website: www.stmatthewsky.gov

Keep up-to-date with all the happenings in St. Matthews with our website! The Events and Public Notices sections are a good source of information in between newsletters and for weather issues, or other events.

Trust for Life

In recognition of April Donate Life month, in cooperation with the Kentucky

Circuit Clerks' Trust for Life, St. Matthews City Hall was lit in blue and green on April 4, to help bring awareness of organ and tissue donation and its importance to the entire community. Please remember that your legacy will continue when you share your life with others.



Park Place



Please Don't Feed Bread To The Ducks & Geese

Why not?

Regular feeding of bread (especially white)/cakes/biscuits etc. can cause.....

- Poor nutrition
- Spread of disease
- Unnatural behaviour
- Water pollution
- Overcrowding
- Delayed migration
- Rats (encouraged by uneaten bread)
- Uneaten bread floating around doesn't look very nice!



What should they eat?

The bird's natural diet can feature.....

- o Grass
- o Plants from the lake
- o Seeds & berries
- o Insects
- o Shellfish
- o Even small fish and frogs in some cases!

Specialist waterfowl feed or grains can be purchased from many pet shops, garden centres and online retailers.

Please help take care of ducks and geese by allowing them to enjoy their natural diet so we can enjoy seeing them for years to come!

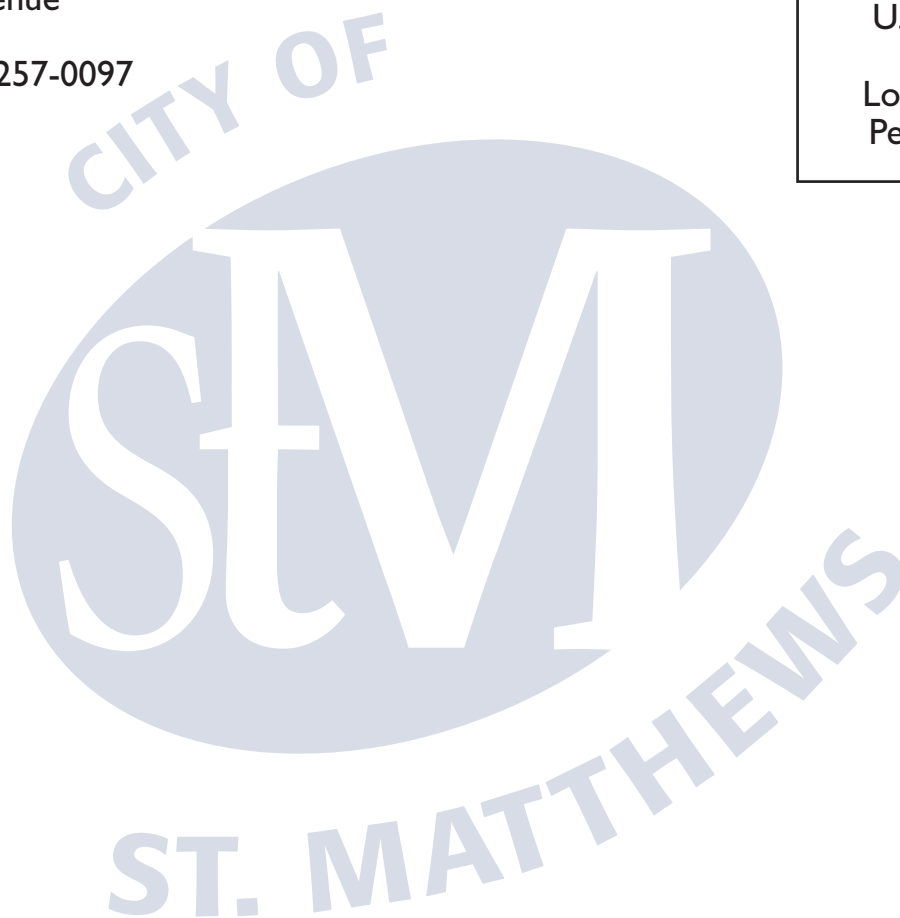
Brown Park Update on Ducks

A major draw to this park are the ducks and the ability to feed them. For the health of the ducks, and Beargrass Creek, the city is asking visitors not to feed bread, and to only feed the ducks certain foods that are not harmful to the duck digestive track, and which won't pollute the stream. The City Works Department will be installing new signs close to Beargrass Creek as a reminder to be kind to these animals and the environment.

In addition to Brown Park, the city offers three additional parks to enjoy. These are Community Park, Draut Park, and Warwick Park, each with their own unique characteristics and uses. We hope you will plan to visit each of them this year.

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City Council meetings begin at
7 p.m. on the second and fourth
Tuesday of each month.

City Council meeting minutes are
online at www.stmatthewsky.gov.

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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

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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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