



St. Matthews Police Now Has Full-Time Victim Services Specialist

The St. Matthews Police Department has recently moved Carolyn Estep, their contract Victim Services Specialist since December 2021, to a full-time position in the department, to better serve the department and the public. Victim Service Specialists are responsible for supporting victims through the prosecution of a criminal case and facilitating their participation in the criminal justice process. Carolyn, who is a licensed therapist, contacts victims of crime to offer assistance, such as walking them through the process of an emergency protective order, locating therapy for domestic violence, or referring them to other agencies that can provide the help they need.

Chief Barry Wilkerson said that the duties of the position have been expanded. "When we first hired Carolyn, we were looking to see how it would benefit the citizens of St. Matthews. Thanks to the training and her networking with other cities and agencies, we have expanded what we can offer to the public."

Chief Wilkerson says that having a victim services specialist actually lessens the number of runs police have to make. For example, in the case of a mental health crisis, instead of the police coming out on multiple calls, Carolyn can come out with them on the initial visit, assess the situation, and get them in touch with agencies and others who can help them. Chief

Wilkerson says, "As officers, we are often limited in what we can do. Our goal is to solve problems, not just arrest people. Carolyn is a liaison to get problems resolved."

Carolyn says what has changed in the past year and a half since she started with St. Matthews is that the Victim Services program has grown. "Our residents now recognize that we offer this service. All of our officers are trained in crisis intervention, as well as me, and we can now better assist persons having mental health crises. Our goal is not to criminalize someone who is having a mental health issue, rather, we want to get them in touch with community-based resources. Often, they do not need police, they need someone to help them navigate the system."

For example, Carolyn is currently working with a crime victim, who has a four-month-old baby, and only speaks Spanish. She is accompanying her to help her get translators and find her way through the court system. Carolyn said the needs are as varied as the situations themselves. After Carolyn learned of an elderly couple that could not call for help when their landline was out during a storm, she procured several 911-only cell phones to give to people in this type of situation.

Carolyn states that the police officers



Victim Services Specialist Carolyn Estep

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

Chief Wilkerson adds, "A police officer accompanies Carolyn on every run that they make, to make sure that each situation is as safe as possible."

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

Carolyn said she attended a Mental Health Summit in Louisville at the end of May and there were people from all lines of work there—judges, attorneys, jailers, hospital workers, police, who all

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A Message From...

2023-24 Budget for City Passes

The City of St. Matthews has passed ordinance #23-02, adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government, in the amount of \$22,071,526. In addition to adequately appropriating for the operation of city services, such as Police, Public Works, Administration, and IT, within the budget are appropriations for capital improvements to our parks system, in particular; adding and upgrading the electricity within Brown Park, additional restrooms in Community Park, stream bank stabilization in Draut Park, and adding new basketball and pickle ball courts in Warwick Park. It is the goal of the Mayor and City Council to continually maintain a high level of quality of services, an inclusive and inviting park system, a welcoming environment to our visitors, and a splendid city for our residents to live in.

Good Neighboring

Reduce your speed. Kids are going back to school, so watch for walkers and bicyclists, and those loading and unloading from school buses.

Don't block sideways with trash containers or vehicles, which obstruct the way of pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities.

Keep pets on a leash, it's the law. Pick up after your pet while off of your property, and don't allow your dogs to bark excessively.

Confirm that your house number is visible from the street so that first responders can locate you quickly in an emergency. Numbers should be a minimum of 3 inch in height, should be posted close to the front door of your home, and lit after dark, if possible. Seconds in an emergency can be lifesaving.



City Launches Facebook Page

Given our city's diverse population, it is important that city government find a variety of ways to communicate to our residents. Currently, the City has developed a website to inform online visitors 24/7 about services, programs, and notices; a quarterly newsletter, *St. Matthews Living*, designed to report past, present, and upcoming happening; and the City's free Reach Alert messaging system which effectively notifies those who choose to register, of important alerts, and friendly reminders.

We are pleased to announce that the City of St. Matthews has launched a Facebook page, *City of St. Matthews KY-Government*, which you can access via the QR code to the right. This is another avenue to disburse information that can be helpful to city residents and visitors alike.

We invite you to take a moment to visit our new Facebook page. It is our intent to post to this site notices, upcoming events, and other essential news that our Facebook viewers will find beneficial.

Please note that currently the City's Facebook page is being utilized to distribute information only. No online comments can be posted at this time.



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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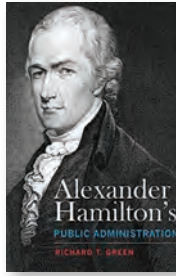
The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

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, 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.

August 19, 2023

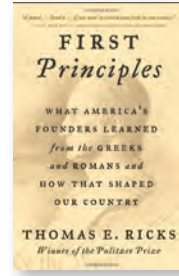
Matt Hanka, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Southern Indiana, will review *Alexander Hamilton's Public Administration* by Richard Green



Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

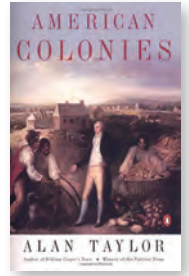
September 16, 2023

Joseph Cecil will review *First Principles: What America's Founders Learned From the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country* by Thomas E. Ricks



October 21, 2023

Dr. Richard Werking will discuss *American Colonies The Settling of North America* by Alan Taylor



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

As always, AHHS meetings are open to the public.



Halloween in Brown Park

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Saturday, October 21

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

This annual FREE family event has grown enormously from its conception, attracting over 5,000 children and adults to this one-day event. Halloween in Brown Park offers music, games, inflatables, hayrides, and a whole lot more! Food and drink can be purchased from a nonprofit group as a fundraiser.

The festivities begin at 11 a.m. October 21 in Brown Park. Promptly at 11:30 a.m. the trick-or-treating begins at the pavilion, where the children and families continue forward, meandering through the walking path of the park collecting goodies. Over 50 businesses and organizations are set up along the way to give the little "ghosts and goblins" treats and surprises. The entire event concludes at 3:00 p.m.

Halloween in Brown Park is a safe, fun, and free family-orientated event, and there is much more to do than just collect candy. Plan now to attend for the most jam-packed four hours of fun your family can have, and best of all it's FREE!

Please visit www.stmatthewschamber.com/halloween-in-brown-park/ for details and updates.



Updates from St. Matthews Police Department

Active Shooter Training

In response to recent tragic events that have taken place in Nashville and in Louisville, the St. Matthews Police Department has been asked to provide information and training in response to an active shooter event. Representatives from SMPD have conducted site assessments and provided training to many businesses in the St. Matthews area and various locations nearby. If interested in having an officer speak to your business or organization, visit www.Stmatthewsky.gov/police to request a speaker.

DEA National Prescription Drug Takeback Day

The St. Matthews Police Department once again participated in the DEA National Prescription Drug Takeback Day. In previous years, the only collection location was the Kroger Store on Hubbards Lane. This year, we expanded our participation to include a second collection point at Baptist Health Hospital. Officers from SMPD, along with employees from Kroger and Baptist Health accepted unneeded prescription medications as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. With the expanded program, the St. Matthews Police Department was able to collect and dispose of 418 pounds of unneeded prescription drugs at the two locations. The St. Matthews Police Department accepts unneeded prescription medication Monday through Friday 8:00 am–4:00 pm at the police station lobby located at 3940 Grandview Avenue.

Flock Cameras

The St. Matthews Police Department is in the process of installing Flock Safety® cameras throughout the city. These

cameras are capable of reading license plates and capturing images of each vehicle that passes by certain locations.

The St. Matthews Police will maximize neighborhood and citywide security with Flock Safety® License Plate Reading Cameras. License plate reading cameras work because roughly 70% of all crime is committed with a vehicle. So, whether it's vandalism, theft, or other suspicious activity, Flock Safety's technology quickly and objectively identifies a suspect's vehicle, enabling us to track criminal activity more effectively in our area. More importantly, Flock Safety® helps neighborhoods and law enforcement to work together to capture the evidence needed to reduce crime rates, improve neighborhood security, and protect home values. Our cameras, along with hundreds of thousands of other cameras in our region, are able to be integrated into one database, allowing our officers to track vehicles across the region and nation.

LEPP Grant Announcement

The St. Matthews Police Department was awarded three grants from the Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP) totaling \$193,730.00. With these awards, the department was able to purchase new Tasers, duty weapons and short barrel rifles for SWAT.

This is a direct tax savings to the City of St. Matthews and the citizens we serve. The new Tasers replaced our seven-year-old Tasers that were experiencing display failures. The new Tasers are a high visibility yellow, in contrast to the old black Tasers. This allows for easier recognition of the Taser by officer and citizen, thus reducing the confusion

of which weapon the officer may be holding.

The second LEPP grant was for replacement of the officer's duty weapon and ammunition for training on the new guns. The officers of the SMPD carried the 9mm Glock model 19. These handguns were replaced with the 9mm Glock model 45 MOS. The Modular Optic Systems (MOS) simplifies the mounting of an optical sight which produces a red dot for target acquisition. Optical sights improve the accuracy at both long and short range, enabling faster target transition and quicker sight acquisition of the target. Each officer has received 16 hours of training to become proficient in the use of the new firearm and optic sight.

The third grant that SMPD received was for the purchase of a Geissele rifle package that is designed for our SWAT Team. The rifles replace our current SWAT rifle and will allow for those rifles to be assigned to patrol officers and begin a patrol rifle program for all our patrol officers. The grant provided ammunition for training and every officer carrying a patrol officer rifle will be fully trained on the weapon.

FREE House Watch while you are away

Visit our City website to sign up for a house watch while you are away from home.

www.stmatthewsky.gov/house-watch/





Team Training Produces Coordinated Response

There have been over 250 mass shootings in the United States so far this year according to the online Gun Violence Archive. That's why first responders in St. Matthews enthusiastically arranged to train their staff for any active shooter incident.

Fire Fighters with St. Matthews, Anchorage Middletown, their EMS units, and officers with the St. Matthews Police Department teamed up recently to synchronize efforts to keep our community safe.

These First Responders trained together to ensure a coordinated response in an

event of an active shooter or related incident. This Rescue Task Force worked through various scenarios learning each other's tactics and procedures.

The time to understand how these agencies will work side by side, performing under hazardous and stressful conditions, with precision and ability in the event of an extreme emergency, must occur before an incident arises. Each agency plays a critical role in protection to our citizens; therefore, the importance of training cannot be ignored.

First responders from St. Matthews and Anchorage Middletown teamed up for active shooter training.

Back To School Safety Tips

School days bring increased traffic and road congestion. School buses are picking up students, kids on bicycles, harried parents dropping their kids off at school and hurrying to work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present—especially before and after school.

Safety Tips:

- Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.
- Watch for children.
- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedures.

- Children pay attention to and obey the school crossing guards.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at crosswalks.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading.

The biggest risk regarding school buses is children approaching and exiting the bus. Often children do not remember to follow the best safety practices, so it is up to the motorists in the community to keep safety in mind.

If you leave for work in the morning when children may be on their way to school or the bus stop, be sure to drive



more carefully when pulling out of your driveway and leaving the neighborhood.

St. Matthews Team Highlights

Lytle Atherton, Police Dept.



Officer Lytle Atherton has been with St. Matthews since August 2022. Prior to that, Officer Atherton was with the Louisville

Metro Police for ten years, serving in the First Division. After earning a communications degree from U of L, Officer Atherton graduated from the Police Academy.

Officer Atherton states, "I enjoy the the people of St. Matthews and the department command is very good to work for."

He grew up in St. Matthews, and his first job was working at Paul's Fruit Market on Chenoweth Lane. He now lives in Goshen with his girlfriend and four children, ages 6,7,9 and 11. He says that they are very busy with their children's sports: softball, baseball and football. If he gets any free time, which is rare, he plays softball and soccer.

James Emerson, Public Works



James Emerson is a new employee of Public Works, having only been on the job for two months! His main duties are mowing and landscaping, which

includes planting trees. Prior to coming on board with Public Works, James was in restaurant management. He was looking for a change, and a neighbor who works for Public Works told him about the opening with the City.

James says he enjoys the meditative nature of mowing and the outdoor work, which seems a natural fit for him, when you discover that for the nine months, James has been in training to become a preacher! It started with a Bible study with his minister, hoping to develop and strengthen his study habits and knowledge of the Bible, and now he has preached several times at his church, at the invitation of his minister.

Karen Burkhead, Receptionist



When you come into City Hall, Karen Burkhead will be the friendly face at the front desk to greet you! Karen has only been on the job since March

1, 2023, but she says she really likes working for St. Matthews, and the people are great.

Karen previously worked 20 years in retail, and then worked for 25 years in finance for the County Clerk's office, retiring in 2020, following the death of her beloved husband. Karen has three adult children and seven grandchildren, and she spends a lot of time with them.

Karen, who loves problem-solving and crunching numbers, says that she collects Mickey Mouse paraphernalia. She has been to Walt Disney World five times, and says what she loves about Mickey is, "That no matter what nationality, sex, creed you are, Mickey always brings a smile to your face."

St. Matthews Chamber Hits Record Membership

The Chamber of St. Matthews has reached over 1600 members.

The 1600th member of the Chamber is Scott Drake Consulting. Scott helps business owners and executives train and align their managers while also helping them manage their framework to improve their organization.

The Chamber of St. Matthews started in 1955 as the St. Matthews Area Business Association founded by a dedicated group of members who wanted to develop programs and activities to promote businesses in their community. Today, the chamber hosts over 100 events a year. Those events

range from networking and educational programs to three community events that the chamber produces with the City of St. Matthews.

"We are so excited to reach this milestone," said Josh Suiter, chief executive officer. "We devote our time and energy to helping small business owners thrive and succeed and providing them with a network of this size, enables us to do that."

"We are pleased to welcome Scott Drake Consulting as a member and are thrilled to have him as our 1600th member," Suiter added.

For more information on the Chamber of St. Matthews, call Josh Suiter at (502) 899-2523 or email him at JoshS@stmatthewschamber.com. Information can also be found at www.stmatthewschamber.com.



Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Storm debris removed throughout the city from multiple storms this spring and early summer.
- Cut back and removed an abundant amount of foliage in the rear undeveloped alleys in the Warwick and Camelot Neighborhoods. Please remember that residents are responsible for the right-of-ways in both the front and rear areas of their properties.
- Patched potholes on many city streets.
- Interior renovation project at The Arterburn building.
- Replaced mulch at Community Park playground.
- Trimmed bushes and replaced landscaping at multiple city parks.
- Redesigned rain garden in Community Park rear parking lot.
- Tree planting program completed—131 new trees installed and thriving.
- Several greenups (removing existing pull-offs) completed.
- Removed tree stumps from several trees approved by the City for removal.
- Painting of existing buildings at Community Park (dugouts and press boxes).

Current Projects

- Drainage Improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch – Project to start this summer.



- Phased street sign replacement project ongoing.
- Drainage improvements to Girard Drive—construction to begin this summer.
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park—project to start this summer.
- Design for Phase I of Warwick Park Improvements ongoing (new parking, new basketball court, new restroom, and 4 pickleball courts)—construction to begin this fall.
- Exterior improvements to The Arterburn building, replacing the facade.

Future Projects

- Electric improvements within Brown Park.
- New restroom at Community Park.
- New plaque at Draut Park.

St. Matthews Parks

Your local parks system: Keeping them among the best in the area!

Community Center Park

McCandless Field has just received a new synthetic infield (\$185,000). This investment will virtually eliminate rainout games and provide a major league experience for all ages. All of the out buildings in the ball park (dugouts, press boxes, concession stands) have received a fresh and new look.

The city will be installing a new permanent restroom in the vicinity of McCandless Field, eliminating the remaining portable restrooms.

A newly renovated rain garden is located at the back edge of the rear parking lot to actively filter contaminants during storm water

runoff. It is important to reduce pollution from road salts, vehicle oil, gas, and other lubricants, before they enter the nearby stream in the park.

The interior renovation of The Arterburn building has been completed. An update to the front façade is to be performed this year, giving the building a fresh new look.

Arthur K. Draut Park

The City is investing, nearly one million dollars, in a project that will stabilize the stream banks of Beargrass Creek that runs through the park. This work will eliminate the continued erosion as a result of frequent large storms. The project will also include the removal



of sediment that has collected in the saddle basins that hold water, resulting in deeper water storage areas, which will assist during flooding occurrences and prevent the growth of the invasive cattails.

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

Hometown History

Notable Area Founder—Joseph Oechsli

In 1893, Joseph Oechsli (pronounced Exly) purchased the house and property of Dr. John Nichols Lewis, a physician in St. Matthews who died in August 1878. The Lewis property extended to Shelbyville Road and included land that the Grimes family had owed since the 1930s when Abraham Grimes, an early postmaster, lived in a log house. Some frontage, along Shelbyville Road, was provided for the Greathouse School.

Mr. Oechsli farmed the 37 acres before, at age 75, he decided to give up farming for the life of a developer. In 1927, Oechsli subdivided a significant part of his potato farm as Excella Place, The Joseph Oechsli Tract. Excella Place was comprised of Brown and Ridgway Avenues from Westport Road to Shelbyville Road, with Oechsli Ave running east to west, intersecting those streets. The advertising for Excella Place touted it to be: St. Matthews Subdivision—Beautiful, The Most Attractive, Convenient and Desirable Location Around St. Matthews, An Exclusive Home & Residence Location, and boldly highlighted: No Railroads or Highways to Cross—Children are safe in going to or coming from school or church.

It's noteworthy that Mr. Oechsli's advertising approach also included that Excella Place would have: City Conveniences, Water, Electric Lights, Streets and Sidewalk, but NO CITY TAXES, in addition to claims that the streets within the Excella Place development would be built to last.

For a sales office, he acquired the old post office on Chenoweth Lane, near the railroad station that had been converted into Crowder's barbershop, moving the small frame structure to his Ridgeway Ave home, where it remains still today.

Joseph Oechsli died in late 1935 at the age of 83. The house, which still stands today, is located at 4070 Westport Road, on the southwest corner of Ridgeway Avenue and Westport Road, and is home to the Atteberry Smith retailer.

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



Above: Joseph and Mary Oechsli in the east side yard, on the southwest corner of Ridgeway Avenue and Westport Road, about 1895. Courtesy of Mary Elizabeth Ratterman Ruckriegel.

Right: Excella Place Ad—The Plat on the 1927 sale shows Lewis/Oechsli home on Westport Road at the top right, and the site of Shelbyville Road of the Greathouse School that had already been sold by Oechsli at bottom left. Courtesy of Mary Elizabeth Ratterman Ruckriegel.



Below: The rear of the former Oechsli home, showing the old post office building, now the Atteberry Smith retailer.



Louisville Gas & Electric
502-589-1444

Fast path options are: I-1-I
(gas) and I-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.

Introduction to Genealogy

Thursday, August 17

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Call (502) 574-1771 to register.

52-Week Home Organization Challenge

Tuesday, August 29, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This month's topics include organizing Yard & Garden; Entry, Utility, & Mudrooms; Vehicles; and Toys & Games. Please RSVP to patricia.langley@lfpl.org

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday Sept. 22, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Saturday Sept. 23, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday Sept. 24, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Cash only. Exact change is appreciated.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, October 17,

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Join our Friends and learn how to support the Library.

For Children and Families

Family Yoga with Good Karma Yoga Studio

Friday, August 4 and 18

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm



Build & Play Saturday!

Saturday, August 12, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Drop in to build with Legos, Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys and more! Ages 5-13.

Snail Mail Saturday!

Saturday, August 19,

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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



ACT Practice Test

Saturday, August 26, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Take a FREE full length ACT practice test. Please bring two #2 pencils, a photo ID, and a calculator. Please call (502) 574-1771 or email elineyouthservices@lfpl.org to register. Grades 7-12. Limit 25

Family Movie Night: *The Secret Life of Pets*

Thursday, August 31,

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. This month, it's a race through New York City for two canine frenemies to get home to their human while thwarting the attempts of a bunny mastermind to get revenge on humans who abandon their pets in *The Secret Life of Pets*. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged. Rated PG. Movie starts at 6:30.

Family Movie Night is the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm!

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 at 10:30 am



For more programs and events visit www.lfpl.org

Easy Being Green

Go Green—Protect Our Environment

As the planet, nation, cities and households go GREENER, we here in the City of St. Matthews want to help lead the way. From our inclusive curb side recycling program to our water filtering and restoration in middle fork streams, or our more energy efficient city hall, we are helping to keep the city GREENER. By using the QR Code provided, or visiting our city website

online, you can find detailed environmental information on topics pertaining to:

Animals, Around the House, Around the Yard, Fertilizers, Pesticides, Home Improvements, In the Neighborhood, Shipping Materials, Storm Water, and Vehicle Maintenance.



Let's work together to protect our environment for this generation and generations to come.

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

Code Words

In November of 2019, the St. Matthews City Council found it necessary to provide for safeguarding the health, safety and welfare of the people by requiring the maintenance of property or premises in good and appropriate condition, and to enhance the economic value of the community and each area in it, through the regulation of the maintenance of property and premises.

In furtherance thereof, and for the purpose of reducing the threat to health, safety, welfare, appearance and economic value due to the decline in property condition(s), Chapter 94 of the St. Matthews Code of Ordinances delineates the circumstances under which such condition(s) may be considered illegal and/or require abatement, and further allows for abatement of such conditions, if abatement is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city.

After defining many terms in Section 94.01, Section 94.02 identifies specific property maintenance standards. Many of these standards already existed in prior city ordinances and were restated herein. Some new standards with which people may not be aware are ones dealing with building maintenance issues. Prior to the adoption of these standards, only the Louisville Metro property maintenance standards were

applicable in St. Matthews, and code enforcement did not have authority to enforce the Metro ordinances.

Standards now enforceable by St. Matthews include keeping windows, exterior doors, porches, roofs, eaves, foundations, exterior walls, and exterior stairs in good repair by ensuring they are watertight, weathertight, bird, animal, rodent-proof and kept in sound condition. All exterior wood surfaces other than decay resistant woods, must be protected from the elements and decay by paint, or by other protective covering or treatment. Peeling paint is a violation of this section. Gutters, shutters, down spouts and other parts of the exterior of the house must be

maintained in their original condition and fit for their intended purpose.

Finally, should any person receiving notice of violation of these standards fail to correct the situation and/or ignore the notice, cumulative fines may be assessed against the property owner, with each day during which any such offense is committed, continued or allowed being a separate offense. The fine for the first offense is \$50 and increases each day the violation continues to a maximum of \$6,000. We happily note that the vast majority of our citizens never reach the stage requiring a fine, and readily correct the situation once they are notified.

Outstanding St. Matthews Neighbor Award

Do you have an outstanding neighbor who deserves to be recognized?

Do they go above and beyond in how they treat others and help better our community?

Please nominate them for the newly formed Outstanding St. Matthews Neighbor Award. Email your nomination to: Amy.Olson@stmatthewsky.gov. Email must include: Name and address of the nominee, contact number if possible, and why they deserve the award.

All nominations will be reviewed by the City's Administration Committee. The monthly winner will be recognized with a yard sign recognizing them as an Outstanding Neighbor.



Full-Time Victim Services Specialist

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want to work to together to figure out how they can better serve the public.

Carolyn will be receiving even more training to better serve the public. She has been selected to attend the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy (KVAA) in August, which is quite an

honor. The KVAA is a comprehensive, educational opportunity for new victim assistance providers and advocates who work directly with crime victims. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, the KVAA will help improve the level of knowledge, skills and consistency of victim services in Kentucky.

Chief Wilkerson stated, "Carolyn is an added tool that helps the citizens get a better quality of life by assisting and solving problems instead of masking them. It enhances our resources."



Personal Hygiene and cleaning items are needed, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, liquid hand and dish soaps, household cleaners and laundry detergent. Low income families cannot purchase these necessities with food stamps. In addition, our supply of food items of brown and white rice, Ramen noodles, and canned fruits are being depleted. 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, or donated directly at the St. MAM's new office location, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 319 Browns Lane.

St. MAM's has been serving the 40207 community since 1972, with an array of services. For more information, call 502-893-0205, or visit the website at www.stmam.com.

Reserve the Arterburn for your next event!



Reserve the St. Matthews Arterburn venue, 310 Ten Pin Lane, for your next event. Perfect for weddings, family reunions, business meetings, club events, and more. View the reservation calendar, venue contract, and virtual tour on the City website www.stmatthewsky.gov/arterburn/, or telephone City Hall at (502) 895-9444.



Sign up for Reach Alert—it is FREE:

If you register for REACH Alert, you will be able to receive messages from the city of emergency alerts and/or city reminders.

To register, go to www.reachalert.com and click on the blue text, "Create an account." When prompted, please use the following information to register for our Network: Network Name: St. Matthews (city); Role: Resident or Business; Address: Enter the address in first box and the street name in the second box.

Keep safe and informed by getting connected with your city!

Call 877-307-9313 today for assistance with registration.



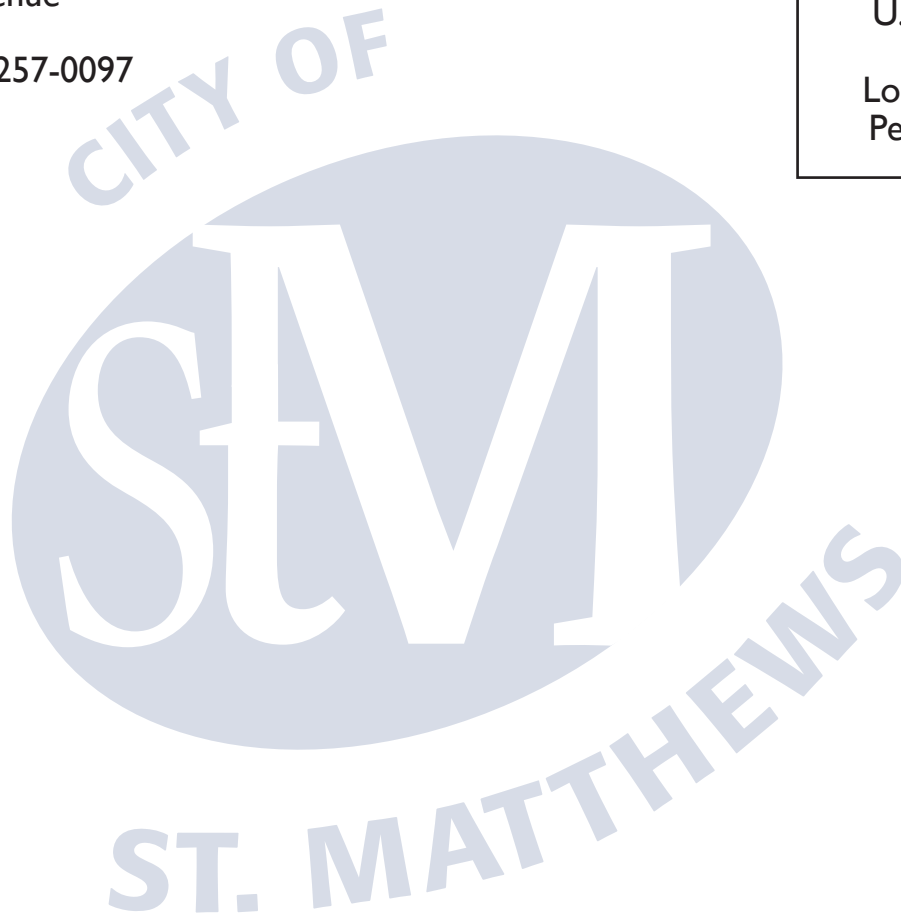
A FREE computer tune-up and repair service is offered the first Saturday of each month from 1–4:30 pm at the St. Matthews Library in the small conference room. Our meeting dates for the next few months are: September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2 (We will not meet in August due to a Library event).

Participants must bring any additional devices that are needed such as a keyboard, monitor, and mouse for desk tops. If participants are bringing a laptop, please bring your battery charger.

If you would like to attend, please contact Rae Taylor at taylor_rae@hotmail.com. Limited attendance to 5 persons.

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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
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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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