



St. Matthews Living

February 2024

City of St. Matthews at Work for You! 2023 Highlights

The City has worked effectively and efficiently over the last year to be good stewards of city funds, while providing quality services, protection, and family-friendly activities. We are mindful of the needs of our residents and put ordinances and other measures in place to meet those needs.

St. Matthews Police Department

St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) continues to maintain a high level of safety and protection, while offering services such as free House Watch for residents on vacation, on-site prescription drug disposal, and quick emergency response.

Some of the new initiatives of SMPD for 2023 include:

- Crime Mapping.
- Grant of \$88,000 for body worn cameras (tax dollars saved).
- QR code for Crime Tips.
- Flock Cameras.
- Full time victim services specialist.
- Grant of \$193,000 for new Tasers, handguns, and rifles, as part of department rifle program (tax dollars saved).
- New dispatch console and police radios.
- New website features and Front-Line program that allows users to input at-risk residents, report issues like downed road signs or roads that need attention, a pet database for lost pets, a bicycle database for lost/stolen bikes, and updated House Watch program that allows for email notification of home checks by officers.
- SMPD placed a School Resource Officer in the Kentucky School for the Blind with full reimbursement from the school.

Public Works

Public Works provides city-wide snow treatment, leaf collection, parks maintenance, tree planting, stump removal, as well as storm cleanup. Public Works also provides pothole repair and resurfacing of City streets.

Some of the larger projects by Public Works in 2023 include:

- 131 new trees planted throughout the City.
- Stream and basin improvements budgeted at Draut Park.



2023 Light Up St. Matthews

- Warwick Park Improvements: Budgeted new parking, new basketball court, new restroom, and four pickleball courts.
- Budgeted electric improvements at Brown Park.
- Drainage improvements to Girard Drive and Trinity Hills ditch.
- The Arterburn interior and exterior renovation.
- Street sign replacement throughout the City.
- Redesigned rain garden in Community Park.

City Council

The City Council established an Outstanding Neighbor Award to recognize residents who always go above and beyond, brought free events like Shakespeare in the Park to promote the Arts within our city, and retained the 40% tax discount on all property taxes paid by October 31.

Some of the accomplishments of the City Council in 2023 include:

- Enacted ordinances related to reckless driving and speeding contests to address illegal street racing and overnight parking in STM parks.
- Maintained an Ad Velorum tax of 20 cents per 100, with a 40% discount.

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A Message From...

Jackie Vanetti is elected to City Council

Jackie Vanetti won a seat on the St. Matthews City Council in November, replacing Councilperson Cathi Clark. Cathi had been appointed to replace Stuart Monohan on the council in February of 2023 when he resigned from the position. Jackie, a Louisville native, graduated from Male High School and the University of Louisville. Jackie is married to Tony Vanetti, and they have lived in St. Matthews for 23 years. They have two children in college, and Jackie works as an area sales manager for the Eaton Corporation.

Of her election, Jackie states, "I am excited about giving back to the community. I want to understand where St. Matthews has succeeded, and how we can move forward. I want to learn how I can contribute to St. Matthews and what our future looks like. I want to get to know the residents and the other council members." Some of the projects she is interested in include walkability throughout St. Matthews, zoning, and service work.



Jackie Vanetti, City Council

Update on City Audit

The accounting firm of Dean Dorton, the largest certified public accounting and professional business advisory firm in the Southeast, completed the City of St. Matthews audit, covering the year ending June 30, 2023. The completed audit was presented to the mayor and City Council members at the December 12 council meeting. The findings were positive, as they reported the City assets and revenues had increased from the previous year, and that the City of St. Matthews was in compliance with all responsible accounting practices. The city of St. Matthews continues to maintain the strong financial position it has sustained for decades. The detailed 2022-2023 audit is accessible on the City website under the Government tab.

Congratulations to Mayor Tonini

Congratulations to Mayor Tonini on receiving the Jefferson County League of Cities (JCLC) Peyton Hoge Public Service Award, which is presented annually to an individual, or individuals, who demonstrate "extraordinary service, dedication and time to a Jefferson County Home Rule City, the JCLC and the Metro Louisville community." The award has been given since 1994 in honor of former City of Anchorage, Kentucky, Mayor Peyton Hoge III and is presented at the JCLC Annual Dinner each year.



Mayor Tonini accepting JCLC award



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.

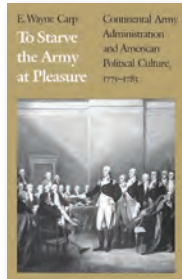
Meetings are held in the Artisan Room, in the Meadow Building of the Masonic Homes Kentucky, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. Please use common sense concerning precautions to stay safe from Covid-19.

Please contact lauvepoche@att.net to request information about AHHS. As always, AHHS meetings are open to the public.

Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

January 20, 2024

Dr. John McLeod, Professor of History and Director of Undergraduate Studies will review *To Starve an Army at Pleasure* by E. Wayne Carp.



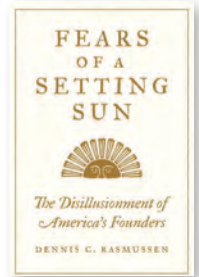
February 17, 2024

Constitutional Symposium, Cralle Theatre, Wyatt Center for the Arts, Bellarmine University. Gerard N. Magliocca, who is the Samuel R. Rosen Professor at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law will speak on his new book *Washington's Heir: The life of Justice Bushrod Washington* (Oxford University Press, 2022)



March 17, 2024

AHHS member Tim Hawkins will review *Fears of a Setting Sun: The Disillusionment of America's Founders* by Dennis C. Rasmussen.



Easy Being Green

Build a Bird Feeder

All it takes to get birds to visit your yard in winter is a reliable source of food. See which of these winter bird feeders you like best and make it this weekend!

Suet Bird Feeder

Suet, which can be purchased at most grocery stores, is the hard fat around the kidneys and loins of cows and sheep. Especially in the winter, suet is a source of heat and energy for insect-eating birds. You can make a suet bird feeder from a mesh bag that produce comes in. Just shape the suet into a ball, roll it in birdseed (although this isn't necessary), put the suet in the mesh bag and hang it outside for a DIY bird feeder.

Milk Jug Bird Feeder

A water or milk jug winter bird feeder is easy to make and inexpensive. Rinse out the jug, cut open the sides, cut or drill holes for a thin dowel or chopstick perch, add the birdseed and hang it in a tree. You could decorate the plastic jug DIY bird feeder so it doesn't look like you've hung your recycling in your yard.

Bird feeder photo by Tonya Staab, used with permission.
www.tonyastaab.com



Craft Stick Bird Feeder

A winter bird feeder can be easily made from inexpensive craft sticks. The beauty of crafts sticks is that they're easy to glue together and can be used to build a bird feeder of any size. You can build openings for access to the seed into your design or you can cut them out when you finish building.

Soda Bottle Bird Feeder

Empty plastic beverage bottles also make good winter bird feeders. All you need is a bottle, string, a screw eye and something for the perches—pencils, thin dowels, chopsticks and wooden spoons work well.

Source: familyhandyman.com

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- Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/citystmatthews
- Find what you need on our website:
www.stmatthewsky.gov
- Sign up for free REACH ALERT messaging, dispatched on an as-warranted basis:
www.reachalert.com



Crime Trends

New Reporting Line

As a St. Matthews resident, you have the ability to request assistance that will be directed right to the St. Matthews Police Department via a new reporting website for the following categories: House Watch, Unusual Condition reporting, Bike Management, Pet Management, Key Holders, and At Risk Persons.

<https://www.frontlinepss.com/stmatthews>

You can request officers to watch your house while on vacation, to perform extra patrols, to work traffic/speeding enforcement, to report valuable information through the Reach Alert, and to follow-up on crime tips. Description of these services can be found on: <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/police/community-services/>

Crime Buzz

Prevent crime at gyms

Have you joined a gym as part of your New Year's resolution to become healthier? Add to your resolutions a commitment to crime prevention. Theft is a crime of opportunity. Most stolen items have been left unattended in plain sight in a public place. If you go to the gym:

- Leave personal items of value at home or keep them on you at all times.
- Use a lock on your gym locker.
- Never leave your bags, purses, wallets, or any possessions unattended even for a moment.
- Be aware of your surroundings when you go to the parking lot and report suspicious activity.
- Keep a written record of valuables, including descriptions and serial numbers. This is proof that the property is yours, and they will help in the reporting and recovery process.
- Always report missing or stolen property immediately.
- Keep cars locked. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicles. Don't leave unlocked and unattended cars running in cold weather to defrost windows or heat the car.

Cold weather crime

With winter fully upon us, it is tempting to leave vehicles unattended and running to keep them warm. Whether it's in your driveway or in the first parking space at the gas station, your vehicle presents an opportunity for crime to some people. Do not leave your vehicles running unattended! Keep vehicle doors locked. Theft victims often report to the



St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) that their valuables were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Simply locking doors can be one of the biggest deterrents to keeping valuables safe. In addition, do not leave valuables in plain sight, and do not leave weapons or extra keys in your vehicle.

Winter Driving Safety

Make winter driving safety a priority. Winter driving causes unique safety issues that call for an extra level of preparedness. Drivers should always carry an emergency kit in their vehicle that includes blankets, extra clothing, a flashlight, flares, jumper cables, a first aid kit, sand or cat litter for tire traction, a cell phone and car charger, a thermos of water, nonperishable food, ice scraper and snow brush, tire repair kit and pump, and a heat source such as candles and matches or heat sticks.

Drivers should practice safe winter driving preparation including being aware of weather conditions, removing snow and ice from the vehicle, and checking tires and wiper blades. Other good practices include keeping your gas tank at least half full, being cautious of black ice by slowly approaching turns, ramps, and bridges, and reducing speed and keeping space between your vehicle and other vehicles. Brake slowly and never slam on your brakes. Making driving safety a priority in the winter takes some planning but is worth the effort.



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.frontlinepss.com/stmatthews

The Chamber of St. Matthews CEO Named KCCE Chamber Professional of the Year

Josh Suiter, the CEO of The Chamber of St. Matthews, was recognized by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives (KCCE) as the organization's Chamber Professional of the Year during their annual awards dinner on September 27 in Covington.

Suiter, who has been with the Chamber since 2016, but has been CEO since February of 2021, was chosen by judges throughout the United States and is one of eight applicants for the award. The award recognized a Chamber professional who has exhibited outstanding achievements, involvement in KCCE and other professional organizations, program development and implementation, and participation in the community, which includes civic, charitable, educational, and other activities. They represent the chamber positively and are considered a role model in the community.

"I am very honored and humbled to receive this award from an organization who has done so much for me professionally. I am grateful for the friendships I've made through KCCE and the growth I've experienced as a professional," said Suiter. "It's a true honor to be recognized as Chamber Professional of the Year."

In addition, The Chamber of St. Matthews won the Innovation Excellence Award for The Q Group. The Q Group is a Chamber program for LGBTQIA+ business professionals and their allies. They meet monthly to network,



L to R: Tomi Clifford, Executive Director of the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber and KCCE President; Josh Suiter, CEO of The Chamber of St. Matthews; Amy Cloud, Executive Director of KCCE

hear from speakers, and share challenges they are facing. Josh Suiter, CEO of the Chamber, said, "We are so honored to be recognized by KCCE for this group and its impact on our community and our membership. I would like to thank the group's president, Jeremy Koonce, for his leadership and vision for the group."

Suiter also received recognition for his year of service as the President of the KCCE Board of Directors.

Good Neighboring

Report out-of-service streetlights

Streetlights throughout St. Matthews are serviced by the Louisville Gas & Electric company. If you know of a streetlight that requires service, dial (502) 589-3500 to reach the outdoor lighting department of the Louisville Gas & Electric company or to report online, visit the City website > Services tab > Utilities.

LG&E's business hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday. You will need to provide them with the street name and closest business or residential address to the light pole being reported for service.

House Numbers

House numbers should be visible from the street for emergency responders to locate you quickly. These numbers should be near the front door in a well-lit area.

Report Potholes

<https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/potholes/> or call (502) 899-2517.

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.



St. Matthews Team Highlights

Paul Wheatley, Police Dept.

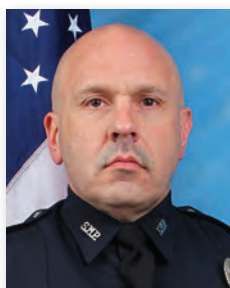


Officer Paul Wheatley has been with St. Matthews since 2012, after retiring from Louisville Metro Police after a twenty-year career.

Officer Wheatley, who is an Army veteran and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, currently serves as the resource officer for the School for the Blind. He loves building relationships with the kids, and assisting them throughout the day. Officer Wheatley states, "My favorite part of the job is the people. I am able to take the time to get to know residents and it is a very family-oriented atmosphere in the police department."

Officer Wheatley is married with two sons who attend the University of Kentucky. His hobbies include anything related to WWII, as he admires the "Greatest Generation" for their service and sacrifice during that war.

Brad Harris, Police Dept.



After retiring from Louisville Metro with 25 years of service, Officer Brad Harris joined the St. Matthews Police Department five

years ago. Officer Harris grew up in Radcliff, Kentucky, and still lives there. He followed in his father's footsteps who was a police officer in Radcliff.

Officer Harris says that what he likes best about working for St. Matthews is the great support officers receive from the community, the mayor, and city council. He says, "It is rewarding to be put in a position where we can help people."

Officer Harris's family includes two sisters, and a son, 29, and a daughter, 26. In his free time, Officer Harris enjoys working out at the gym, and bow hunting. He has hunted deer and turkey, and wants to go elk hunting some day.

Brandon Dawson, Public Works



Brandon Dawson is relatively new to the job, having only started September, 2023, but not new to working hard! His previous positions included management for

Tire Discounters, delivering machine parts to manufacturers across the U.S., and learning landscaping skills from his father while growing up.

Brandon, who is married with three young children, came onboard with Public Works as he wanted to be closer to home and enjoys being outdoors, which is a big part of the job. Park maintenance, tree care, and leaf and snow programs all fall under his duties.

In his spare time, Brandon enjoys playing video games, hiking and fishing at lakes around the state. He fishes with his dad, and hopes to pass on his love of fishing to his children when they are a little older.

REACH Alert: Did You Know?

Did You Know? Every Reach Alert text and voice call uses 833-681-6729 as a UNIQUE St. Matthews unique toll-free origination phone number?

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.

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



Welcome to the Newest Members of St. Matthews Fire & EMS

St. Matthews Fire & EMS is dedicated to serving the community with compassion, integrity, and commitment through prevention, education, and a professional response. We take this seriously when it comes to selecting new members of the department. Hiring individuals who embody this mission requires a complete and thorough systematic process to ensure the future of the department and citizens we serve get the best and highest qualified individuals protecting them. These seven started training as recruits in July and will be reporting to their assigned crews in early 2024. Please join us in welcoming the newest members of St. Matthews Fire & EMS.



2023-24 Recruits Chris Wright, Logan Cahall, Cameron Sautel, Steve Lona, Jonathan Embry, Josh Martinez, Ray Hayes

Chris Wright has spent the last five years serving the community on an EMS unit as a paramedic. He ultimately was looking to challenge himself and serve and protect the citizens of St. Matthews. Chris is married to one of St. Matthews current paramedics, Jasmine. Chris and Jasmine are proud parents of one child, who was born just before Chris began his recruit class. Chris moved from Rancho Cucamongo, California to Louisville after graduating high school in 2015 and becoming a paramedic.

Logan Cahall has been a member of St. Matthews Fire & EMS for the past five years, working on an ambulance as a paramedic. A graduate of Brown High School, Logan was born and raised in Louisville. After high school, Logan went to KCTCS to get his paramedic licenses and joined the Kentucky National Guard, where he still serves as a combat medic sergeant. Logan is married, enjoys practicing Jiu-Jitsu and listening to live music.

Cameron Sautel, a Louisville native, graduated from St. Xavier High School and earned a degree in marketing and business data from Xavier University. After college, Cameron returned to Louisville and worked in real estate. He decided he wanted to do something in the community, so he decided to volunteer with the Highview Fire Department. Cameron heard about the reputation and quality of service delivered by St. Matthews Fire & EMS and knew this is where he wanted to be. Cameron enjoys hiking and camping in his spare time.

Steve Lona moved to Louisville a couple years ago to be with his girlfriend, a University of Louisville Dental School student. Steve grew up in Chicago and knew he wanted to be a firefighter for as long as he could remember, following

in his parents' footsteps. His mom is a paramedic, and his father is a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department. Steve is excited to be part of the department,

Jonathan Embry is a Louisville native and a graduate of Christian Academy of Louisville. After high school, Jonathan went to Liberty University where he earned a degree in aeronautics and played baseball. Jonathan was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays and played professional baseball for three years. Jonathan is married and has two children, one of whom was born while he was at the training academy. Jonathan chose a career in fire service because he has always had a desire to serve the community.

Josh Martinez, a native of New York moved here at the beginning of the recruit class. Josh is a product of a family who has dedicated their lives to public service. Josh's mom was an emergency medical technician and his dad is a paramedic in New York. His brother is a police officer with NYPD. Josh is married to his wife Kindra, and they have three children, Ruby, Leo, and Orion. Josh is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of St. Matthews Fire and EMS and looks forward to being able to serve the community.

Ray Hayes grew up in Jeffersontown where he played football for Jeffersontown High School all four years before graduating. Following high school Ray played football for New Mexico Military Institute and Arkansas Baptist College. After returning home from college, Ray joined the Highview Fire Department as a volunteer where he discovered his love of the fire service and knew this was the career he wanted to be in. Ray enjoys spending time with his family and girlfriend when he isn't working or exercising.

Hometown History

City of St. Matthews—In the Beginning

Local government finally emerged from the confines of the court system. Back in March of 1950, the sixth-class city of St. Matthews had incorporated. Immediately, the tiny, three-and-a-half block municipality set its sights on annexing two-and-a-half quarter miles surrounding it. The additional area was projected to have a population of between 15,000 and 20,000 person, which would make the brand-new and bigger St. Matthews the largest sixth-class city in Kentucky. A remonstrance suit was brought to block the annexation but on June 2, 1951, Judge Scott Miller ruled it could proceed. While opponents then went to the Kentucky Court of appeals, the trustees of St. Matthews (James H. Holand, Gilbert Flack, B.W. Gratzner, Henry Leathers, and T.S. Rudy) began to establish various boards and a police force, in addition to mailing out tax bills. At the same time, the YMCA housed in the old rectory of the original St. Matthews Episcopal Church was renovated for a city hall. The first ceremony held in city hall was the swearing in of zoning commissioners by City Attorney C. Maxwell Brown on January 17, 1951. A few days later, The Courier-Journal (newspaper) aptly characterized the situation: "St. Matthews May Not Know Where It's Going - But It's Going." When the Court of Appeals ruled in August 1951 against the annexation, St. Matthews was relegated again to measuring itself in blocks, not miles.

James H. Noland, who had been chairman of the trustee since St. Matthews had become a sixth-class city in 1950, continued as chairman of the council. Although he again reiterated that annexation would only be pursued where favored, in the fall of 1953 the City of St. Matthews moved to annex the business district as well as the adjoining two-square-mile area.

Based upon its increased population, the City of St. Matthews was upgraded from a sixth class to fourth class by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1954, the legislation taking effect on June 17. At a luncheon meeting of the St. Matthews Committee of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce at the Canary Cottage on Lexington Road on June 21st, Mayor James H. Noland outlined six project



First City Hall of St. Matthews, 1951

that the city would undertake by virtue of its new powers, including establishing a police force, appointing an alcoholic beverage administrator, contracting for fire protection with the existing St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, and engaging in planning and zoning matters. The government itself would be substantially altered from its previous five-member board of trustees to an eight-person council, presided over by a mayor. (St. Matthews – The Crossroad of Beargrass, Samuel W. Thomas)

[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.

Afternoon Book Discussion

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join us for a discussion of *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Meets on the second Thursday of every month

Introduction to Microsoft Word 1

Monday, Feb 12, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2

Tuesday, Feb 20, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

For either of these classes, you will need a physical library card or get a replacement and know your password/pin number in order to check out a laptop from the computer kiosk before the class begins. It is recommended that patrons not proficient in using a touch pad also bring a mouse. Signups are required: patricia.christopher@lfpl.org

Adult Night Owls Book Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Passing by Nella Larsen

St. Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday, March 15, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 17, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

For Children and Families

Mixed Up Monday

Mondays February 12 & February 26

10:15 am – 11:15 am

Join us for stories, songs and activities for children ages 2-6.

A Celebration of Black Artists

Thursday, Feb. 22

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Let's learn about some Black artists together with books, videos, activities and more. Ages 6-12

National Tell a Fairytale Day!

Monday, Feb. 26, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join us for a read-aloud of fairytales from around the world.

Ages 0-12

Family Movie Night:

The Princess and the Frog

Thursday, February 29

6:15 pm – 8:30 pm

This month, pucker up and buckle up for a trip through the bayous and the city of New Orleans during Mardi Gras with Tiana and her froggy Prince Naveen in *The Princess and the Frog*. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged. Rated G



Library Closures:

Sunday March 31, 2024 for Easter

For more information on programs and events visit www.lfpl.org



2023 Highlights of the City of St. Matthews

- Established a balanced budget for 2023-24.
- Created a social media policy and launched a Facebook site to distribute information.
- Annexed Twinbrook subdivision.
- Hired a full-time CPA.
- Succeeded in saving \$471,000 on City health insurance.
- Held a "Meet your City Council" event.
- Donated surplus backhoe to Whitesburg, KY, which was devastated by a major flooding event.

- Renewed garbage contract and maintained rear door pick up.

Events Supported in 2023

- Light Up STM in Brown Park.
- Police Night Out.
- Halloween In Brown Park.
- Potato Festival with J.D. Shelburn performance.
- Wheels for Wilt fundraiser, which has raised \$186,000 and is growing.
- Shakespeare in the Park.
- Kentucky Derby Festival Float.
- Recognized Organ & Tissue Day with City Hall lights and program.

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- Acknowledged support for Ukraine with City Hall lights.
- Parkside-Fairmeade 75th Halloween Parade.
- Technology Recycling Collection.

While these are just a small sample of the many facets of 2023, Mayor Tonini, City Council members, and employees of St. Matthews are dedicated to make 2024 another productive year of serving the residents of our great city, by keeping the quality of services high, taxes low, and the features of our city outstanding.

Code Words

Construction activity requires City Hall letter

Building permits are issued by the Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses, IPL, which can be reached by telephoning (502) 574-3321. A "Letter of Compliance" however, is required from St. Matthews before a permit will be issued.

There is no charge for the "Letter of Compliance." To obtain a "Letter of Compliance" from the City of St. Matthews you must provide to the city engineer the following documents:

- 1) A completed "Application For Letter Of Compliance" form, available at

the city administrative office, second floor of the St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, between Breckenridge and Browns Lanes, or use our online form on our website: Business Tab>Letter of Compliance.

- 2) The name and address of any contractor or subcontractors who will be working on the project. All contractors and subcontractors must have a current City of St. Matthews business license, before a "Letter of Compliance" can be issued.
- 3) Two copies of the site plan, which is a scaled drawing of the property showing any existing buildings (including parking spaces) and the newer proposed building.



Please note that interior remodeling projects do not require a site plan, nor are property owners, who are performing the work themselves, required to have a business license.

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 St. Matthews Outstanding Neighbor Award. Email your nomination to: info@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 showing they ARE An Outstanding Neighbor.

Recent Outstanding Neighbor Recipients

September: Mr. Wilbur Amick,
October: Requested Anonymity
November: Ms. Carolyn Dean,
December: Mr. Howard Hardin

Outstanding Neighbors pictured top to bottom: Wilbur Amick, Carolyn Dean, Howard Hardin



Woman's Club of St. Matthews Meets at St. Matthews City Hall First floor

10:30 am to Noon

Fourth Monday of each month

Upcoming dates: Feb. 26 and March 25

The club has been organized since 1938, and any woman in the Kentuckiana area is welcome. Our club hosts a free program, open to the public, on the fourth Monday of each month, excluding the months of July and December. These programs promote arts and culture, civic engagement and outreach, education and libraries, environment, and health and wellness.

Some programs do meet offsite, so please check our website, www.WCSM.org, for updated information or contact Lynn Bridwell, membership chair, at bridwelllynn@gmail.com for more information.

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Renovated the interior of the Gilmore Building (concession stand) in Community Center Park.
- Made multiple passes throughout the City collecting leaves from the right-of-ways.
- Restriped Dupont intersections.
- Patched potholes on many City streets.
- Removed several dead trees in our City parks and right-of-ways.
- Removed tree stumps from several trees in right-of-ways.

Current Projects

- Girard drainage improvement project is nearly complete.
- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills ditch project has been delayed as some property owners have not signed the consent and release.
- Phased street sign replacement project progressing.
- Stream and basin Improvements at Draut Park project started December 2023.
- Design for Phase I of Warwick Park Improvement (new parking, basketball court, restroom, and four pickleball courts). Bid opening was mid-January. Project expected to be completed by spring.
- Exterior improvements to The Arterburn building, enhancing the facade.

Future Projects

- Electric improvements at Brown Park.
- New additional restroom at Community Park.
- New dedication plaque at Arthur K. Draut Park.
- Design of Warwick Park Phase II improvements.



Snow Treatment

The City of St. Matthews operates a comprehensive snow treatment program. Mother Nature has not hit us that hard the last few years, so hopefully we will continue our good luck. On smaller snow events, in an effort to be fiscally responsible, the City will only salt the intersections. Please note that all major roads, including Shelbyville Road, Westport Road, Hubbards Lane, Browns Lane, Bowling Blvd. and Breckenridge Lane are the responsibility of Louisville Metro and the State of Kentucky.



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

Fire Safety Tips For Severe Winter Weather

- Never use candles for emergency lighting. Use flashlights and stock up on extra batteries.
- Make sure your smoke alarm has a backup battery.
- Use surge protectors. Plug only one heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at one time.
- Consider unplugging appliances not in use.
- Connect appliances to portable generators with heavy-duty extension cords.
- Don't refuel your generator when it is running. Spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire. Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

FREE computer tune-up and repair

This service is offered the first Saturday of each month from 1:00 pm–4:30 pm at the St. Matthews Eline Library in the small conference room.

The upcoming service dates are: March 2 and April 6, 2024. Service is offered on the first Saturday of each month except on Derby day in May.

Participants must bring any additional devices that are needed such as a keyboard, monitor, and mouse for desk tops. If 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 five persons.

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Tuesday of each month.

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