



St. Matthews Police Department: Ready and Prepared for Any Situation

In today's world, preparedness is key, especially when it comes to public safety. The St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of our community, and that commitment is reflected in their extensive training and preparedness efforts. Chief Barry Wilkerson believes, "By undergoing rigorous training, staying vigilant, and developing a clear plan of action, we can equip ourselves to respond effectively and decisively in the face of such threats."

Active Shooter Preparedness

One of the most critical areas of focus for the SMPD is active shooter preparedness. Our officers undergo rigorous training for active shooter incidents several times each year. This training includes scenarios with local businesses, schools, and hospitals, as well as with other law enforcement, fire, and EMS first responders. The goal of this training is to simulate real-life situations as closely as possible, creating a more realistic and stressful environment for our officers.

Chief Wilkerson affirms, "There is no better substitute than scenario-based training. It provides officers a platform to apply their skills in real-time situations, thereby reinforcing their knowledge and abilities in an active learning environment." In addition to training within our jurisdiction, we also collaborate with businesses outside our area to enhance our preparedness and ability to respond to assist other agencies.

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team

The SMPD is proud to have a highly trained SWAT Team, which serves as the secondary tactical response team in Louisville metro and surrounding counties. Our SWAT Team trains at least twice monthly, ensuring they are always ready to respond to high-risk situations. In 2023, the SWAT Team was issued new rifles, marking the start of a department issued patrol rifle program to non-SWAT sworn members. This enhancement allows for a more rapid and effective response to critical incidents.



Members of the St. Matthews Special Weapons and Tactics Team respond to an active shooter training scenario held at the FORD Kentucky Truck plant.

Equipment and Gear

To further enhance our preparedness, all SMPD officers are equipped with new aimpoint handgun sights, which improve officer proficiency and visibility during incidents. Additionally, we have an armored rescue vehicle to enhance public and officer safety in high-risk situations. Chief Wilkerson states, "Having the right equipment is paramount when responding to critical incidents. Investing in both equipment and personnel ensures that we are equipped to handle any situation with proficiency and the highest level of safety for all involved."

Civil Disturbance Response

The SMPD is also well-prepared to respond to civil disturbances. All sworn members have received regular training in civil disturbance response methods and have been issued new civil disturbance personal protection gear.

Leadership and Coordination

Our executive command staff members have extensive SWAT careers, serving as SWAT members, team leaders, and

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A Message From...

Thank you to temporary Clerk Rheba Roten who helped from August through March, while the City searched for a permanent city clerk. She did a wonderful job and her assistance was greatly appreciated.

Welcome aboard, Clerk Assistant Sandy Doane, who will work with city finances. Sandy previously served with St. Matthews as a temporary part-time city clerk, alongside Rheba Roten.

Welcome back permanent City Clerk Susan Clark, who reapplied for the position, and was selected by a committee of city council members and the mayor, over five other candidates who were interviewed for the position.



Rheba Roten



Sandy Doane



Susan Clark

Parks

The City would like to give a special thanks to Joshua Fernandez, Scout Troop 325, for implementing, as his Eagle Scout Project, the duck food dispenser at Brown Park. It is located near the pedestrian bridge along Browns Lane.



Park visitors are actively purchasing the duck food, at a minimal cost of 25 cents, nearly eliminating the unhealthy feeding of bread and like foods to the resident waterfowl. The dispenser routinely collects over \$100 a month from park visitors, which goes directly towards the purchase of more duck food. This

project is extremely successful, and one that the City is happy to partner with.

Another thank you goes out to Henry White, Scout Troup #325, who built four bat houses as part of his Eagle Scout Project. The bat houses have been installed at three of our major Parks (Brown, Community Center, and Draut Park). Most bats are insectivorous, and they

are important to humans primarily for their predation on insects such as mosquitos, for pollination, and for seed dispersal.

Phase One of the Warwick Park Renovation

Project is underway after a delay in the project designs. Triumph Landscaping Construction Inc. was awarded the contract. Phase One will cost just over \$1.8 million and will provide additional parking, a new state of the art basketball court, four new pickleball courts that have additional layers of cushion to help alleviate joint pain, a new restroom, and many new trees. The project will cause the existing practice baseball field to be closed temporarily while a new underground water detention system is installed. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June.



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



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.

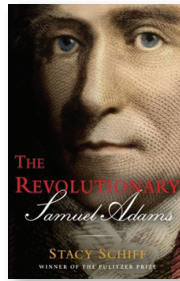
The meetings are now in-person, and held in the Artisan Room, in the Meadow Building of the Masonic Homes Kentucky, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. Please use common sense concerning precautions to stay safe from Covid-19.

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

Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

May 18, 2024

Dr. Nash presents:
The Revolutionary Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff



June 15, 2024

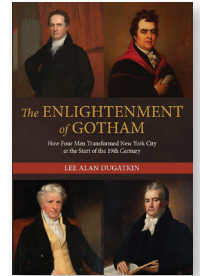
Mark Webster presents: *Is Daniel Boone a Founding Father?*

July 20, 2024

Matt Hanka Topic to be announced

August 17, 2024

Lee Alan Dugatkin presents: *The Enlightenment of Gotham: How Four Men Transformed New York City at the Start of the 19th Century* by Lee Alan Dugatkin



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



The St. Matthews Independence Day 5k is back for 2024! This race dates back to the late 1970s in what was then called the *St. Matthews Baptist Church Pavement Pounder*. In the mid '80s the race became known as the VBS 5K and was

part of the church's *Great Parking Lot Party* to promote its Vacation Bible School. Later, it became the kick-off to the annual St. Matthews Street Festival.

In 2022, it was moved to July 4th to celebrate Independence Day. The course, through St. Matthews neighborhoods, has remained the same over the years. Participation has grown steadily, and the race was capped at 500 participants in 2023.

All proceeds from the race benefit St. Matthews Baptist Church's Love 40207 program and St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM). So, not only is it a fun community event, but it also directly benefits the community through many programs and services such as aid to shut-ins, beautification of our parks and schools, stocking of a food pantry and clothes closet, providing emergency assistance for families in need, and maintaining a community garden.

The race begins at 8 am, July 4, at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Avenue. There will be post-race awards, prizes, food, and vendor booths.

More information and registration can be found at www.rivercityraces.com or use the url code above. (St. Matthews Independence Day 5k—River City Races). Walkers are welcome!



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

Stop by and meet your St. Matthews Police and Fire Departments. Let's come together and celebrate our commitment to safety and community! FREE Prizes!

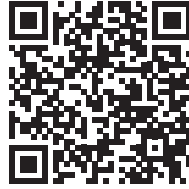


Police/Crime Buzz

For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies, call 502-893-9000. Visit the city website (www.stmatthewsky.gov/police) for an online form to report crimes or provide information.

Pet Safety and Registration

Pet Registration is available for peace of mind. You can now register your pets and upload their photos for identification. This will be invaluable in helping us track and identify them quickly if they ever go missing.



Mail Theft

We have noticed an increase in theft from USPS collection boxes. For added security, deposit mail inside the post office.

Safety Tips

As the weather warms up, let's keep our community safe and secure. The St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) wants to remind everyone to be vigilant against potential crimes.

Protect your belongings

- Get to know your neighbors: Watching out for each other creates a strong community.
- Secure your home: Close and lock doors, windows, garage, and shed doors when you're not home.
- Stay alert: Lock your doors when doing yard work to prevent opportunistic thefts.
- Brighten up your property: Install motion detector lights to deter criminals.
- Keep your landscaping tidy: Trim bushes and trees to minimize hiding places and keep a clear line of sight.
- Vehicle thefts are common with unlocked cars or those parked in isolated areas. Roll up your windows, remove any valuables, and park in well-lit areas.
- Don't advertise your vacation plans on social media, as this can alert potential burglars that your home is empty.

- Utilize our St. Matthews Vacation Watch Program when traveling so we can keep an eye on your home while you are out of town.

Road Safety Tips

We all want to be out enjoying the sunshine. Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe on the road:

- Always yield to pedestrians, especially in designated crossing areas. Walden School students and others using the crossing on Westport Road have reported motorists not yielding. Kentucky Law requires vehicles to yield to pedestrians crossing the road.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking or jogging alone.
- Avoid isolated areas, and try to stay in well-lit, populated areas.
- Carry a personal alarm or whistle and know how to use it if you feel threatened.
- Pay attention: Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially in residential areas.
- Avoid distractions: Put away your phone while driving.
- Drive cautiously: Slow down and be mindful of children playing near streets.



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

Chamber News

The Chamber of St. Matthews recently held their Annual Meeting on February 22 at The Olmsted. This year's theme was the 90s and attendees dressed in their best 90s costumes. Josh Suiter, Chamber CEO, outlined some of the Chamber's strategic initiatives for the year including a re-branding of the Chamber, the launching of a foundation and the start of a leadership program.

At the event, they presented several awards including a Community Service award that recognizes our public servants

for their service. Louisville Metro Police Officer Nick Wilt was presented with this year's award. A standing ovation was given by all in attendance in appreciation of Officer Wilt's courage, and service.

Independence Bank and Ashley Bratcher of St. Matthews Police Department were presented with the Albert Sanders Award for their work on Wilt Week, which raised over \$200,000 towards the care and recovery for Officer Nick Wilt, who was shot at Old National Bank in Louisville in 2023.



L to R: Mayor Tonini, Chamber COO Virginia Hart, Ashley Bratcher of SMPD, Cindy Bailey of Independence Bank, Chamber CEO Josh Suiter and Chamber Events and Programs Coordinator Amanda Harper.

Fireworks Safety Tips

The St. Matthews Police Department and the St. Matthews Fire Protection District want everyone to safely enjoy summer celebrations which may include the use of fireworks. However, there are city ordinances and state statutes in place to protect the safety of all persons as well as property. When using fireworks please adhere to all regulations, and always be respectful of your neighbors and their pets who can be traumatized by the sound of these devices. The SMPD, if notified about a perceived illegal use of fireworks, will be addressing each situation on a case-by-case basis.

Kentucky State Law, City of St. Matthews ordinance and Louisville Metro Ordinance all outlaw "display fireworks." Display fireworks are the large fireworks that cannot be bought in Kentucky, as they contain larger amounts of explosives and/or they go up into the air for their detonation. "Consumer fireworks" are the less powerful fireworks that can be sold in Kentucky.

Consumer fireworks cannot be detonated in the City if:

1. the consumer firework to be used is designed to cause a display above the ground level, excluding those specifically described in ordinance.
2. the location of detonation is within

- two hundred (200) feet of any structure, vehicle, or other person,
3. the person in charge of the detonation is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

All persons who wish to provide fireworks displays, where display fireworks can be viewed, must first obtain a permit and abide by all required regulations. Fireworks Ordinances and Ky State Revised Statute are shown in part below.

City of St. Matthews § 93.39 USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS

(A) It shall be unlawful in the city to use or detonate fireworks on private property in such manner as to create a circumstance of wanton endangerment or disorderly conduct. (B) to use or detonate any fireworks on city property, except for products defined as "smoke devices," "snakes/glow worms," "trick noisemakers," and "wire sparklers."

Ky Revised Statute

KRS 227.330(6); and (11) A person lawfully possessing consumer fireworks, as defined in KRS 227.702(2) and (3) may use those items if: (a) He or she is



at least eighteen (18) years of age; (b) Fireworks are not ignited within two hundred (200) feet of any structure, vehicle, or any other person; and (c) Use of the fireworks does not place him or her in violation of any lawfully enacted local ordinance.

Louisville Metro Ordinance reads:

Consumer fireworks may be used or ignited by persons, as long as such devices do not have as part of its device any wings, fins, or other mechanisms designed to cause the device to fly, is not an aerial device, nor does it carry any cautionary label which includes its description "explosive", "emits flaming pellets," "flaming balls," "firecracker," "report," or "rocket." In addition, the use or ignition of consumer fireworks must not present a hazard to property, other persons, vehicles, or animals.

Good Neighboring

This is a time of year when everybody wants to be outside for the beautiful weather! Let's help keep St. Matthews enjoyable for everyone this time of year by remembering the following:

- Make sure all trash, whether it's from our homes, cars, outdoor activities, etc., is securely placed in a garbage receptacle.
- The longer days keep us outside later in the evening, so please be mindful of the noise we (along with our pets) make that might be disruptive to others later in the day or early morning.
- Pets want to enjoy this weather with us, but make sure to pick up all messes our furry friends make and dispose of properly.

Street Safety

- Ever come to an intersection and have to nose your vehicle out to see around bushes lining a property? It's important to trim your shrubbery or plants so that they do not obstruct a driver's view of traffic.
- If you set out paving stones, stone pyramids, or other obstructions to keep people from parking on the right-of-way along your property, keep in mind that you could be held liable for any damage or accidents they may cause. If you elect to place these obstructions, they must be placed a minimum of 18 inches from the edge of the pavement.

Upholstered Item Disposal

- Old mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic before being picked up. This also applies to other upholstered furniture.

St. Matthews Team Highlights

Jonathan Smith, Police



Sergeant Jonathan Smith has been with the St. Matthews Police Department since August 2011, following a lateral transfer from the Shepherdsville

Police Department. Sergeant Smith's background includes serving in the Marine Corps as an executive officer. He then served in the National Guard and graduated from U of L, entering police work. His reserve unit was deployed to Iraq from 2007-08.

As a sergeant detective, he enjoys the wide range of cases that as a smaller department, St. Matthews investigates.

When he is not involved in police work, Sergeant Smith spends time with his family: his wife and three sons. He has a farm where they go to relax, hunt, and drive 4-wheelers. He says it is critical for police officers to get away from the stress and decompress, and the farm is where he can do that with his family.

Phillip Rothenburger, Dispatch



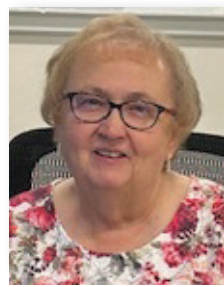
Phillip Rothenburger has been with the St. Matthews Police Department for three years. Trained as a dispatcher, Phillip gets recertified

every year. He was with Louisville Metro for eight years as a dispatcher and enjoys the slower pace at St. Matthews.

Phillip says he enjoys the variety of the job, "the unknown factor," as he calls it. He says that every day brings something different, from trying to keep people calm who have just had an accident to people wanting information on disposing of expired medicine or making a service request.

Phillip has been married for eight years and has two little girls ages five and one-years-old. When he is not busy with his children, he enjoys reading, especially history and science fiction, collecting baseball cards and playing video games.

Sandy Doane, Clerk Assistant



Sandy Doane is relatively new to her position as St. Matthews as Clerk Assistant, but not new to the field, having retired as the City Clerk of Eminence,

after 39 years of service in 2018. She retired to care for her husband who has since passed away. Sandy came to St. Matthews in August 2023 to serve as one of the temporary clerks while the city searched for a new permanent clerk.

Sandy has agreed to stay with St. Matthews and serve as a part-time Assistant City Clerk, where she will work with city finances. Sandy said, "Everyone I work with has been awesome and very helpful. As long as they want me here, I will stay!"

When she is not working, Sandy babysits three of her 10 grandchildren, reads, takes water aerobics classes, and spends time with her family, including her father who will be 95 in August.

Easy Being Green

City employee, STM Green Advisor Daryl Cleary and his wife, Maria, have built a GREEN home! This "small but mighty" Net-Zero home is built according to a rigorous German design standard for super energy efficient buildings called Passivhaus. Daryl's exterior walls are R-50, while conventional wood-frame homes have more like R-9 walls.

The building must be airtight with little thermal bridging (movement of temperatures across an object more conductive than the materials around it, resulting in thermal loss). Edges, connections, and penetrations must be insulated to break the thermal bridge. Daryl's home is super-insulated, resulting in R-60+ at the ceilings, which are 10.5-foot-high, and super high efficiency certified passive house triple-pane windows. The 2600-square-foot home has X2 100% electric vehicles, and all landscaping equipment including the lawnmower is powered ENTIRELY by a 14Kw solar system mounted on the roof of the attached garage.

Daryl's house is not connected to any electric or gas utilities. NoBurnVilla burns nothing, ever—no gasses, firewood, biofuel, coal, or petroleum. There are heat pumps on the electric water heater, clothes dryer, the ductless mini-split HVAC system and the CERV2, a smart energy recovery ventilation system. The CERV2 detects and abates CO2, moisture, VOCs (volatile organic compounds) and particulate matter (outdoor soot and pollen) which can become concentrated indoors.

Because the home is so airtight, an energy recovery ventilation system is key, allowing for very good indoor air quality and great energy savings. Locally sourced appliances are GE Profile™ ENERGY STAR® certified. The landscaping includes many native trees, a large flowering pollinator garden and low mow grass. Any of these things can be retrofitted to an existing home.

To view a video about their GREEN home, scan the QR code, right, or go to: https://youtu.be/acGL4C-Dg31s?si=Y3cdst5pk_9P9UnA



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

In December of 2016, the St. Matthews Fire Department began EMS operations to fill a need for paramedic level ambulance services in the community. In the seven years since its beginning, the EMS Division of St. Matthews Fire & EMS has experienced significant growth in both personnel and activity.

St. Matthews Fire & EMS operates four Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances around the clock. An ALS ambulance has at least one paramedic. Last year alone, those ambulances and their personnel responded to more than 12,000 calls for service, not just in St. Matthews, but throughout Jefferson County. That amounts to approximately 32 EMS runs per day, every day, for the EMS Division. The number of calls for service has significantly exceeded what was projected in 2016.

Chief Nick Clark and the St. Matthews Fire & EMS Board of Trustees recognized that the complexity and volume of EMS activity had significantly exceeded what was projected in 2016 and that there was a need for additional supervisory personnel to handle the load. There was also a need to establish a career path for the St. Matthews Fire & EMS professionals who were not career firefighters.

The EMS battalion chief position was created, and three individuals were promoted in September of 2023 to those positions. The EMS battalion chiefs are responsible for overseeing day to day operations of the EMTs and paramedics that staff the department's four ambulances, including staffing, delivery of medical care, monitoring key performance indicators and continuous performance improvement for the EMS Division. The three paramedics that were selected have all been with St. Matthews Fire & EMS since the EMS Division was formed in 2016.



Emily Johnson started her EMS career at Bullitt County EMS as an EMT in 2009, at the age of 19. She found that the job was intriguing and appealing and went to paramedic school. She began practicing as a paramedic in 2012 in Bullitt County. She has continued her paramedic education and is a critical care paramedic as well. Emily has been married to Larry for seven years. Larry is also a paramedic in Meade County. They have two daughters, Amelia (6) and Abigale (4). They live in Nelson County, enjoying their small working farm.



Joseph Prather began his EMS career in 2005, working for Bullitt County EMS. During his time there, he became a paramedic and rose through the ranks, ending up as a captain there prior to coming to St. Matthews in 2016. Joseph is a lifelong resident of Mt. Washington, where he shares his home with his wife of 17 years, Devin. Together they have two sons, Zander (12) and Reed (9).



William "Bill" Spicer started his emergency services career in 2004 when he joined the Lagrange Fire Department, where he still serves and holds the rank of lieutenant. In 2005 Bill found a passion for emergency medical services and obtained his EMT certification. He became a paramedic and has earned his instructor credentials both in EMS and in the Fire Service. When Bill is not working for either St. Matthews Fire & EMS or the Lagrange Fire Department, he enjoys spending time with his wife of 20 years, Bethany, and their three sons, Eagan (14), Elias (8) and Easen (5).

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commanders. They have also served in various police leadership positions, including sergeant, lieutenant, major, and chief.

This wealth of experience ensures that our department is led by individuals who understand the complexities of modern law enforcement.

Chief Wilkerson believes, "Experienced officers play a crucial role in dealing with active shooters. Their years of training

and real-world experience enable them to make split-second decisions, coordinate responses, and protect the public in the face of danger."

Training Coordinator

Since 2012, the SMPD has had a full-time training coordinator dedicated to ensuring that all officers receive the highest quality training available. This commitment to ongoing training and preparedness is what sets the SMPD

apart and ensures that we are ready to respond to any situation that may arise.

St. Matthews Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our community. Through extensive training, collaboration with other agencies, and the use of advanced equipment and tactics, we stand ready to respond to any challenge. Your safety is our top priority, and we will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

City of St. Matthews—Notable Area Founders

It has been 74 years, March 22, 1950, since St. Matthews officially was incorporated as a city. But this late part of its heritage is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg... for the threads of history began to mesh into the fabric of our community over 260 years ago.

In 1785, Colonel Richard Taylor became the first settler of substance in the "East End." His 400-acre farm was located in the Brownsboro Road Area. The National Cemetery occupies part of that land today. His son Zachary, later to become the 12th President of the United States, was eight months old when the family moved here from Virginia. During the next 20 years, Zachary helped his father clear the land, farm, hunt, and trap. His favorite haunt may very well have been where your home or apartment stands today.

The westward movement through the Cumberland Gap or down the Ohio River to this area of Kentucky soon gave the Taylor farm more and more neighbors. The names of many of these early pioneer families are familiar to present day St. Matthews residents as names of many of the thoroughfares in the city. They included James Brown, Jacob Rudy, the Monohan family, Henry Massie, the Bullitts, the Arterburns, the Floyds, the Chenoweths, and the Breckinridges. Most of these settlers purchased large tracts of land from which they created large farms.

Early in its history, the area was name Gilman's Point for a combination grocery store and tavern, owned by Daniel Gilman, that stood on the corner of what is now Shelbyville Road and Westport Road. In the custom of the era, it served as a gathering place of local farmers, and was a sleepy little country road junction where the stagecoach stop offered the high point of the day.

Excitement must have reached a fever pitch on June 7, 1810, when Zachary Taylor and Margaret Smith were married there. Just 25 years later, on Brownsboro Road, their daughter Sarah was wed to Jefferson Davis, then an officer in Taylor's command, and later to be president of the Confederate States of America. Sadly, Sarah died three months after the wedding.



New Nanz & Neuner Co. greenhouses, north of present site of Pearson Funeral Home. In 1945. Jefferson County Historic Preservation and Archives. St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass, Samuel W. Thomas

Although Gilman's Point was listed as an official stop on the railroad that was built to Frankfort in 1851, some of the local citizens apparently felt that their community did not offer the world the proper degree of dignity by being named after a tavern operator. This sensitivity resulted in the name St. Matthews being selected from the St. Matthews Episcopal Church, the only house of worship in the area. In 1854, when a post office was established, the new name received official sanction, and St. Matthews it has been ever since.

Not until 1880 did much happen to change the completely traditional rural character of the countryside. Then, a 30-acre flower "farm" for commercial flowers was established by Nanz & Neuner on Breckenridge Lane. Seven years later, a general merchandise store was opened that shortly grew to be the largest of its kind in Jefferson County, outside of Louisville. Back in those days, most stores of this type were taverns, too, with whisky at 15 cents per glass and all the beer you could drink for a dime.

Excerpt from St. Matthews – Two Centuries a Community, published 1975.

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

All Ages

Community Jigsaw Puzzle and Board Game Swap

Saturday, June 29

10:00 am–4:00 pm

Swap gently used puzzles and board games. Please call 574-1771 to donate puzzles and games in good condition for all ages.



Children's Programs

Summer Reading Begins June 1

visit lfpl.org for details

All Things Sherlock!

Wednesday, May 22

3 pm–4 pm

Celebrate National Sherlock Holmes Day with books and a DIY detective lab. Ages 8-12



Family Movie Night

Thursday, May 30: *Moana*

Thursday, June 27: *Zootopia*

6:15pm–8 pm

Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged.

Rhythm Science Sound: Making Music with Nature

Saturday, June 8

3 pm–4:30 pm

Have you ever heard a plant sing? Or a mushroom play the drums? Learn how music is made using the techniques and technology of Biodata Sonification. Please email ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org or call (502) 574-1771 to register, limit 20. Ages 6-12



American Printing House for the Blind: Dog Guides

Monday, June 10

10:15 am–10:45 am

Learn all you ever wanted to know about these amazing dogs who partner with people who are blind. Limit 20. Please email ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org or call (502) 574-1771 to register. Ages 8 and up.



Happy Birthday Louis Braille! With the American Printing House for the Blind

Saturday, June 15

10:30 am–1:30 pm

Learn about Louis Braille, kid inventor, and his tactile code of six-dot-cells which is still used worldwide by people who are blind to read and write. Ages 5-12

All Things Corn!

Monday, June 17

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Show your love for corn and join us for National Corn on the Cob Day with corn books and activities. Ages 5-12.



Teen Programs

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, May 18, 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 email ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org or call (502) 574-1771 to register, limit 25. Grades 7-12.

DIY Your Universe: Planetary Bracelet Make and Take

Friday, June 21, all day while supplies last. Drop by to pick up a kit to create a planetary bracelet. Ages 13-18.

DIY Your Universe: Sun and Moon Diamond Painting Bookmarks

Friday, July 5

2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Stop in to create a bookmark using diamond painting techniques. Please email ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org or call (502) 574-1771 to register, limit 15. Ages 13-18.



DIY Your Universe: Galaxy Soap

Saturday, July 27 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Stop in to make some easy melt and pour soap with a galaxy theme. Please email ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org or call (502) 574-1771 to register, limit 15. Ages 13-18.

Adult Programs

Movie Discussion Group

Tuesdays, May 21, and June 18

2:00 pm–3:00 pm

May 21: *Godzilla* (1954)

June 18: *Prisoners* (2013)



Louisville Miniature Club

Monday, June 3, 2:00 pm–3:30 pm

The Louisville Miniature Club will have its beautiful collection of dollhouses and room boxes for everyone to see.

The Louisville History Series with Steve Wiser: Presidential Visits to Louisville

Tuesday, June 4

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

30 of the 46 Presidents have visited Louisville since James Monroe visited in 1919. Historian and author Steve Wiser will provide a talk on their visits.



Making Video Games with Louisville Makes Games

Saturday, June 15

2:00 pm–4:00 pm

Join *Louisville Makes Games* at the St. Matthews Library for a deeper dive into the fundamentals of independent video game design, with a hands-on activity.



Greater Louisville Lego User Group

Friday June 28, 10:00 am–4:30 pm

Saturday June 29, 10:00 am–4:30 pm

Sunday June 30, 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

If you build it, they will come. Louisville Lego enthusiasts will set up their amazing displays for anyone and everyone to be amazed by.

Library Closures

Memorial Day: Monday, May 27

Juneteenth: Wednesday, June 19

Independence Day: Thursday, July 4

For a complete listing of programs and events, visit www.lfpl.org

Code Words

Spring has sprung! St. Matthews residents can be “in the swing” of spring by checking the condition of lawn and outside maintenance equipment. Having a lawn mower serviced and the blade replaced or checking on pruning and cutting tools will make yard work easier during the growing season.

What does this have to do with “Code Words”? One of the most commonly heard complaints made to the Code Enforcement section at this time of year is that someone is not keeping up with their grass growth. The majority of our residents regularly keep their grass cut, but circumstances have led to the grass on a resident’s property exceeding the eight-inch height limit set by city code.

After receiving a call, Code Enforcement performs an inspection. If there is a

violation, the Code Enforcement officer will attempt to contact the resident and/or owner of the property to have the grass cut. If no one can be contacted or the request is not acted upon quickly, a formal notice of violation (including the penalty for non-compliance) is sent to the property owner. This step is the exception rather than the rule because most of our citizens act quickly to rectify the situation.

And, not as widely understood, is the obligation of property owners to keep grass cut and to remove any voluntary growth in easements and adjoining alleyways, whether the alley is improved or not. Many of the drainage systems within the city are on easements, and this means that the property owner is responsible for keeping the easement



area free of any trees, shrubs or other growth unless specifically authorized by the City.

Depositing of any kind of material in the easement area is not allowed. The failure of property owners to maintain these easement areas is more often an issue than is high grass in the yard itself. Please do your part this spring to keep St. Matthews a beautiful place.

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

January: Terri Prater
February: Howard & Betty Hardin
March: No nominations



Outstanding Neighbors pictured top to bottom: Terri Prater, Howard and Betty 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

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.

WCSM also offers a scholarship program to graduating seniors, one each from the following high schools: Ballard, Sacred Heart Academy, Trinity, Waggener Traditional, and Walden School.

Please visit the club website for details. <https://wasm.org/scholarships/>



Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Girard Drainage improvement project. After several delays, associated with utility relocations.
- Snow and ice removal—fortunately, we only needed to salt the City streets a few times this winter.
- Patched potholes on many city streets.
- Began mulching, weeding, and planting in all landscape beds around City Hall, parks, and common areas.
- Removed several dead trees in our city parks and right of ways.
- Removed 23 tree stumps in city right-of-ways at the request of the abutting property owners.
- Placed new playground mulch at Community Park.
- Cleared overgrowth and removed litter between the Little League ballfields and Stonehenge Condo.
- Installed new roof on the Historic Springhouse near Jamestown Apartments.

Current Projects

- Resurfacing streets: Springhill Road, Alton Road, 3800 block of Leland, Brownlee, Hillsboro, Plymouth, and Meridian Avenue.
- Annual tree planting program, estimated to plant 125 new trees.
- Work on restoring headstones and wall around Brown Cemetery.
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park Project to start this summer.
- Phased street sign replacement project ongoing.
- Construction of Phase I of Warwick Park added parking, new basketball court, four pickleball courts, new restroom, and underground detention.



- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch Project has been delayed as some property owners have not signed the consent and release.
- Exterior improvements to the Arterburn building at Community Park.

Future Projects

- New Restroom at Community Park.
- Electric Improvements at Brown Park.
- New Plaque at Draut Park.
- Design of Warwick Park Phase 2.

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.



Mark your calendars! St. MAM has three exciting events lined up for you:

- **May 7 Kentucky Gives Day** please visit: www.kygives.org
- **July 4 St. Matthews 5K Walk/Run** sponsored by Independence Bank and St. Matthews Baptist benefiting St. MAM & Love 40207 For more information visit: www.rivercityraces.com
- **August 26 St. MAM Golf Classic** please visit: www.stmam.com

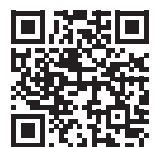
As summer approaches, our community's support is essential for our food pantry and infant-toddler programs. Call (502) 893-0205 for a list of needed items or donate at www.stmam.com.

Sign Up for REACH Alert

Stay informed by registering for the **Free** St. Matthews (city) Reach Alert messaging. 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 or 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**.

To set up an account, or for more information, call Reach Alert: (877) 307-9313 or visit: <https://app.reachalert.com/quick-join/454/>



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Frank Flynn

Nate Hernandez

Tim Holland

Sarah Landes

Mary Jo Nay

Amy Olson

Jacki Vanetti

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.

Reach Alert

To receive emergency and/or community service notifications through St. Matthews FREE Reach Alert system, sign up at www.reachalert.com or call 1-877-307-9313

Be A Good Neighbor!

- Keep your pet on a leash at all times when off of your property
- Report perceived speeding
- Report out of service street lights

Government Access

City Hall Office: (502) 895-9444

Code Enforcement: (502) 899-2512

Police Department: (502) 893-9000

City Engineer: (502) 899-2518

Public Works: (502) 899-2517

Property Taxes: (502) 899-2511

Police Records: (502) 899-2537

Emergency: 911

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

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