



# St. Matthews Living

November 2024

## St. Matthews Area Ministries: Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Times of Need

*Please consider donating—even \$10 helps. When Sean had to stop working, this ministry was a lifeline for us. They helped us with food, clothes for the kids, and electric bills. They assist our community in many ways. Your support as the year winds down can truly make a difference!*  
—Brittany and Sean P.

In the heart of St. Matthews, a beacon of hope shines bright for those in need. St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) lives up to its powerful tagline: "Need knows no season, age, race, gender or zip code."

St. MAM was born 52 years ago, from the compassion of three neighboring churches on Browns Lane — Beargrass Christian, Harvey Browne Presbyterian, and St. Matthews United Methodist — St. MAM has grown into a vital lifeline for the community. What

started as a joint venture has blossomed into a network of 11 partner churches, with the Woman's Club of St. Matthews and Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion joining as associate members.

Julie Abbott, the organization's executive director for 18 years, is joyful as she talks about St. MAM's impact. "We're here, we're active, and we're helping so many people in our community," Julie says. "But the need has grown significantly since 2020 and we need your help more than ever."



*Empty shelves at the St. MAM food pantry waiting for donations..*

St. MAM serves residents in the 40207 zip code and part of 40220, offering a wide range of services that go far beyond what many might expect. From financial assistance with utilities and rent to a food pantry, from homebound grocery delivery to school supplies, St. MAM is there for its neighbors in countless ways.

"Many people don't realize that items like toiletries, paper products, and cleaning supplies aren't covered by SNAP benefits," Julie explains. "These are essential needs that can really strain a household budget. That's where we step in."

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## St. MAM: Our Impact in 2023

In 2023, our amazing **volunteers provided 1,186 hours** of donated time and energy.

**166,436 lbs. of food and other necessities** helped us battle food insecurity for our neighbors.

**284 families received food, toiletries and cleaning supplies** throughout the year.

**Did you know?** Toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies are not covered by SNAP benefits.

**158 families received infant and toddler items** such as diapers, pull ups wipes, baby shampoo and lotion.

**217 families were provided** with seasonal help for Thanksgiving and Adopt-A-Child Christmas programs.

We helped prevent evictions for **71 families** and kept water and electricity on for **350 families**.

With **YOUR** help, St. MAM provided **5,067 total services** to our neighbors in need in our zip codes of 40207 and our portion of 40220.

**Will you help us make a difference in 2025?**





## Payments to St. Matthews just got easier with online access!

Oct. 1, the City of St. Matthews launched a new service to allow online payments for property taxes, business licenses and occupational taxes. Options for paying other fees, such as permits, will be available soon. Those paying only property taxes can quickly access their information by entering their property address, tax bill number or PPIN shown on the

city tax bill. No need to register or log in to an account. However, those making payments for business licenses, occupational taxes or other services will need to log in and register initially on the site. This will allow them to view all their service payments in one location and build a history in their account. For more information about how to use the service and its

benefits, an online “Customer How-to Video” is available—click on the Pay Online link at the top of the home page or scan the QR code here. For specific questions about your account, use the Contact Us link on the city website and select the Pay Online department.



## Hometown History—James H. Noland: First Mayor of St. Matthews (1950-1958)

James H. Noland, St. Matthews’ first mayor, played a pivotal role in shaping the city’s early years. In 1945, he co-founded the St. Matthews Community Center, addressing the area’s recreational needs. As a respected community leader, Noland spearheaded efforts to resist annexation by Louisville in the late 1940s.

On March 22, 1950, Noland chaired the board that incorporated St. Matthews as a sixth-class city, immediately becoming its mayor. Known affectionately as “Mayor Jim,” he served without pay, often working 50-hour weeks. His dedication stemmed from a simple philosophy: “I guess I enjoy getting things done.”

During his tenure, Noland faced significant challenges, including severe drainage issues in low-lying areas. He also oversaw substantial growth, engineering a major annexation in 1953 that added about 5,000 residents. This expansion elevated St. Matthews to a fourth-class city in 1954.

Noland’s commitment to the community extended beyond his official duties. He was known for his compassion,

occasionally paying taxes for residents unable to meet their obligations. His home at 3937 Kennison Avenue served as City Hall from 1950 to 1954.

Before his political career, Noland worked in the bedding industry, helping establish the Kentucky Sanitary Bedding Co. in 1924. He was also active in various community organizations, including Beargrass Christian Church and the St. Matthews Rotary Club.

Poor health forced Noland to resign on September 30, 1958, but he continued advising city officials until his death in 1960 at age 65. Bernie Bowling Sr. succeeded him as mayor, serving for the next 26 years.

St. Matthews initially operated under a Mayor and Trustee form of government, transitioning to a Mayor and Council system in July 1954. The city’s growth and development in its formative years owe much to Noland’s leadership and vision.



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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# Season's Greetings

## The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. The group has resumed in-person meetings.

Meetings are held in the Artisan Room of the Meadow Building at Masonic Homes Kentucky, 3701 Frankfort Ave. Attendees are advised to take common-sense precautions against COVID-19.

AHHS meetings are open to the public.

For more information, visit the society's website at <https://ahhsky.wixsite.com/ahhs-ky>.

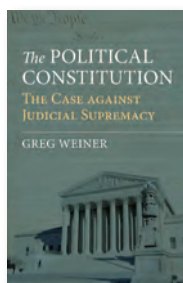
Please contact [lauvepoche@att.net](mailto:lauvepoche@att.net) to request information about AHHS.



### Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

#### November 16, 2024

Prof. Aaron Hoffman: *The Political Constitution: The Case against Judicial Supremacy* by Greg Weiner



#### December 21, 2024

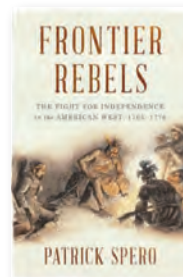
Jim Brunnhoeffer: "The Civil War of 1812"

#### January 18, 2025

Bill Riley:

*Frontier Rebels: The Fight for Independence in the American West, 1765-1776*

by Patrick Spero



## Woman's Club of St. Matthews

The Woman's Club of St. Matthews will host speaker Lori Mann from Gilda's Club on Nov. 25 at 10:30 a.m. She will be discussing the many services available through Gilda's Club. The meeting will be held at St. Matthews City Hall.

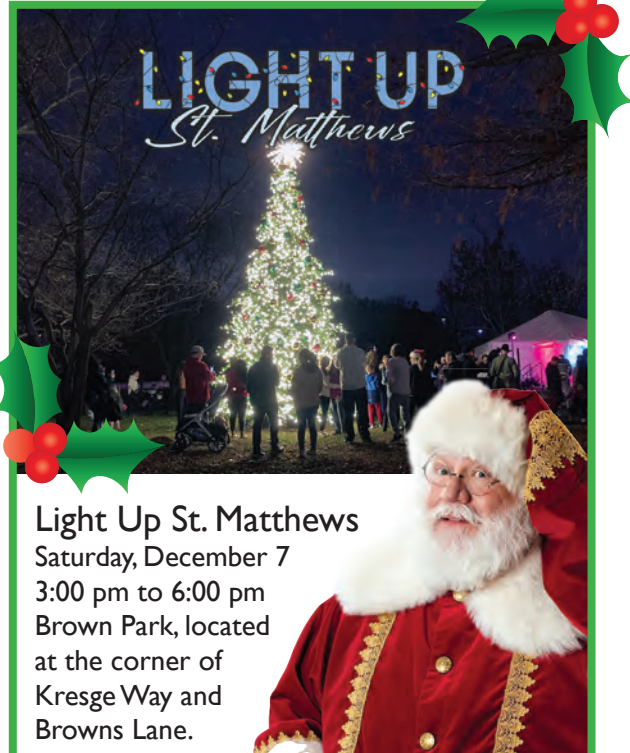
Visitors are welcome!

For more information about the Woman's Club, please visit: <https://wscsm.org/>



### PLEASE SHOP LOCALLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

As you begin to shop for your holiday gifts, don't forget to check out your local shops. Buying locally from small businesses is a great way to support the small business owners that make St. Matthews such a wonderful place to work and live.



## Light Up St. Matthews

Saturday, December 7

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Brown Park, located at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane.

Light Up St. Matthews, a decades-old tradition for thousands of visitors and residents of St. Matthews, returns on Dec. 7 from 3-6 p.m. in Brown Park.

The annual holiday event features letters to Santa, photos with Santa, train rides, an inflatable snow globe and activities for children. Free cookies and hot chocolate will be available for everyone to enjoy.

Most activities are held under tents, so the event is prepared for various weather conditions. The event concludes at 6:00 p.m. when the switch is thrown and thousands of colorful holiday lights illuminate Brown Park.

Free parking is available across from Baptist Health Louisville at 4007 and 4003 Kresge Way, with access to the park via a signaled crosswalk.

The seasonal lights will remain lit nightly until after New Year's Day. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the lights throughout the holiday season.



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

## Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The holiday season brings joy and celebration, but it can also attract criminals looking to exploit the increased activity and generosity. To help you enjoy a safe and secure holiday, here are some essential crime prevention tips:

### Protecting Your Home

- **Secure Doors and Windows:** Ensure all entry points are locked and secure with deadbolts on doors and reinforced window locks. Consider installing a home security system with cameras for monitoring activity.
- **Set Timers for Lights:** Use timers to automatically turn on and off indoor and outdoor lights, creating the illusion of someone being home and deterring potential burglars.
- **Be Discreet with Gifts:** Avoid leaving wrapped gifts in plain sight from windows or doors. Store them out of sight until it's time to open them to prevent theft.

### Safe Holiday Shopping

- **Shop During Daylight:** Whenever possible, shop during daylight hours or in well-lit areas to minimize the risk of theft or assault.
- **Keep Valuables Hidden:** Store purchases in the trunk or hidden compartments of your car rather than leaving them visible. Make sure your vehicle is locked and secure.
- **Be Cautious Online:** Use reputable websites for online shopping. Look for secure payment options and monitor your bank statements for unauthorized charges.

### Protecting Your Personal Information

- **Beware of Scams:** Be cautious of unsolicited emails, phone calls, or text messages requesting personal or financial information. Scammers often target holiday shoppers with fraudulent offers or fake charities.
- **Monitor Financial Accounts:** Regularly check your bank and credit card statements for suspicious activity. Report any discrepancies immediately to your financial institution.
- **Shred Personal Documents:** Safely dispose of documents



containing personal information by shredding them. This helps prevent identity theft.

### Staying Vigilant When Traveling

- **Notify Neighbors:** Inform trusted neighbors or friends if you'll be away for an extended period. They can keep an eye on your property and report any suspicious activity.
- **Utilize Vacation Watch:** Visit the St. Matthews Police Department's website to sign up for their Vacation Watch Program, where officers will attempt to check your property during their shifts unless unforeseen circumstances arise.
- **Avoid Sharing Travel Plans:** Refrain from posting your travel plans on social media until you return. Publicizing your absence can alert potential burglars.
- **Secure Your Vehicle:** When traveling, ensure your vehicle is locked and secure. Avoid leaving valuables in plain sight, and park in well-lit areas.

By following these crime prevention tips, you can help ensure a joyful and secure holiday season for yourself and your loved ones. Stay vigilant and proactive, and enjoy the festivities with peace of mind. Happy holidays and stay safe!

### Website:

To visit the St. Matthews Police Department website, you can scan the QR code or visit <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/police/>.



## Easy Being Green

Holiday waste increases by up to 25% during fall and winter. Use these tips to reduce the environmental impact.

### Reusable or Recyclable items:

Gift boxes, tote bags, paper bags, cardboard boxes, paper gift wrap.

DO NOT recycle foil paper, ribbons, bows.

Note: Recycle boxes from holiday gifts in recycle totes. Do not set out store boxes for thieves to see what new things you have.

### Christmas tree disposal:

Real Christmas trees can be placed at curbside and will be picked up at the time of your normally scheduled trash

pick-up. Trees should have no lights, ornaments, garland, or tinsel.

### Do NOT Recycle:

- Plastic bubble wrap, air pillows and all types of foam packaging
- Ribbons and bows
- Gift bags that are laminated, coated, dyed or glittered
- Cellophane wrap

## Protect Yourself from Recent Scams: Tips to Avoid Falling Victim

As we enter a new year, it's crucial to remain vigilant against evolving scams that can impact our community. Recent reports indicate a surge in various types of fraud, from sophisticated phishing schemes to deceptive investment opportunities. Here's how to recognize these scams and protect yourself from becoming a victim.

### Common Scams to Watch Out For

**Phishing Emails and Calls:** Phishing scams involve fraudulent emails or phone calls that appear to come from legitimate sources, such as banks or government agencies. Scammers use these tactics to trick you into providing personal information or clicking on malicious links.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

**Verify Contact:** Always verify the identity of the person or organization contacting you. Use official contact numbers or websites, not those provided in unsolicited messages.

**Don't Click Links:** Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from unknown or unexpected emails.

**Fake Tech Support:** Scammers posing as tech support agents may call or email you, claiming there's a problem with your computer or account. They may request remote access to your device or ask for payment to fix non-existent issues.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

**Be Skeptical:** Legitimate tech companies will not contact you unsolicited. If you receive such a call, hang up and contact the company directly using official contact information.

**Never Grant Remote Access:** Do not allow unknown individuals to access your computer remotely.

**Impersonation Scams:** In these scams, criminals impersonate trusted figures such as law enforcement officers, tax authorities, or even family members in distress. They create a sense of urgency to pressure you into sending money or sharing sensitive information.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

**Verify Identity:** Always verify the identity of anyone requesting money or personal information. Contact the person or organization directly using known contact details.

**Remain Calm:** Take time to assess the situation and consult with trusted friends or family before taking action.

**Online Shopping Scams:** Fraudulent websites or social media posts offer products at incredibly low prices, but once you



make a purchase, you either receive nothing or a counterfeit item.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

**Research Sellers:** Check reviews and ratings of online sellers before making a purchase. Use secure payment methods and avoid deals that seem too good to be true.

**Verify Website Security:** Ensure the website uses secure encryption (look for "https://" in the URL) before entering payment information.

**Investment Fraud:** Scammers offer high returns on investments with little to no risk. These schemes often involve fake or non-existent investment opportunities, such as cryptocurrency or real estate.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

**Research Investments:** Conduct thorough research and consult with a financial advisor before investing. Be cautious of unsolicited offers and pressure tactics.

**Beware of High Returns:** If an investment sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Legitimate investments come with risks and require due diligence.

### Sign Up for REACH Alert

The St. Matthews Police Department wants you to be informed. We are encouraging all St. Matthews Residents and business owners to sign up for our FREE REACH ALERT. This technology provides you with important information in a timely manner.

LET US EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH YOU VIA TEXT, TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.

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





# St. Matthews Team Highlights

## Susan Irving, Administration



Susan Irving, the receptionist at City Hall, brings a wealth of local knowledge to her role. A longtime St. Matthews resident, Susan started this past

July with the City.

"You have to work to build connections," says Susan, who enjoys being a friend to visitors. She easily answers questions about garbage pickup schedules and park locations.

Susan holds a library science degree and taught English for over 40 years, and managed the Eline Library for 23 years.. She now teaches at Bellarmine University's Veritas program.

The mother of one and grandmother of two is an Audubon Society member, avid reader and watercolor enthusiast.

Susan works Monday through Thursday, practically occupying the same office area she used to as library manager.

"My favorite part of the job is being a friend to people," she says.

## Gary Fergusson, Public Works



Gary Fergusson joined the Works Department in July 2024. The Owensboro native grew up on a farm, barrel racing and riding quarter horses.

Fergusson's duties include mowing, operating equipment and finishing concrete. "I have worked outdoors all of my life," he said.

A former boilermaker welder, Fergusson sought a change of pace. He knew many of the St. Matthews Works employees before joining.

"I love my job and the people I work with," Fergusson said. "I have the best boss in the world, Terry Ridgeway."

He works alongside his son, also a Works employee. His daughter studies education at Western Kentucky University.

Fergusson lives in St. Matthews and works part-time for The Arterburn, setting up events. In his spare time, he buys and sells tools and equipment.

## Kevin Roy, Police



Detective Kevin Roy investigates crimes from shoplifting to homicide for the City of St. Matthews Police Department.

Kevin, who joined the force in 2018,

previously served with the Shepherdsville Police Department and Louisville Metro Police Department from 2012-18. He's also a 21-year Air Force veteran.

The detective holds a bachelor's degree in business management and associate degrees in criminal justice and human resources.

Kevin, a married father of two, jokes his hobby is "shuttling his oldest to early morning swim practices."

He has served as president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 31 for three years.

"My favorite part of the job is digging into leads and making an impact in solving crimes," Kevin says.

Kevin's children are in eighth grade and high school.

## Milburn Bauer Celebrates 103 years

Milburn Bauer, a member of a St. Matthews founding family (the Bauers circa 1896), celebrated her 103rd birthday with a surprise party at her residence.

St. Matthews Mayor Rick Tonini presented Bauer with a proclamation, while council member Mary Jo Nay gave her a key to the City. The key to the City is the highest honor the City can bestow, and has been presented to only one other person in 30 years.

Milburn, who remains mentally sharp, recalled going door-to-door in 1949 to gather signatures for a petition requesting St. Matthews' incorporation as a city. Her 103 years serve as a reminder that our actions throughout life can impact our communities and cities.

For more information about Milburn's history, please see the St. Matthews newsletter from October 2021 on the city website, where she was featured for her 100th birthday.

<https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/newsletters/>



*Left: Milburn Bauer and Mayor Tonini at her 103rd birthday celebration.*



## Winter Fire Safety Tips

One of the most comfortable feelings is sitting in your warm home with your family on a cold winter night. However, the increased use of fireplaces, candles, and electrical appliances during winter can raise the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and house fires.

To stay safe, ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor, including bedrooms and areas near potential sources like furnaces and fireplaces. Test these devices regularly and replace batteries when needed. Have a family escape plan and follow it immediately if an alarm is activated.

Maintain a 3-foot safety zone around heat sources, including space heaters, radiators, and fireplaces. Practice candle safety by never leaving them unattended and ensuring they're extinguished before bed. When decorating for the holidays, check for damaged wires or loose connections and avoid overloading electrical circuits.

As you prepare your home for winter, don't forget about proper ventilation. Ensure that your heating system, water heater, and other fuel-burning appliances are serviced by a qualified technician every year. This can prevent carbon monoxide leaks and improve efficiency. Also, keep your chimney clean and free of obstructions to allow proper venting of smoke and gases.

Winter weather can also pose risks outside your home. Keep walkways and driveways clear of snow and ice to prevent



slips and falls. If you use salt or other de-icing products, be mindful of their potential impact on pets' paws and nearby plants. Consider keeping an emergency kit in your car with blankets, non-perishable food, and a first-aid kit in case you get stranded during a winter storm.

Keep a fire extinguisher accessible, especially in high-risk areas like the kitchen or garage. If using a portable generator during a power outage, place it outside and away from windows to prevent carbon monoxide buildup. Remember, your safety and that of your family should always be the top priority during the winter months.

For more safety tips during winter months, contact St. Matthews Fire and EMS at (502)893-7825.

## Stay Safe and Shine Bright: The Importance of Reflective Gear

### Dear Runners, Walkers, and Bikers,

As the days grow shorter and the evenings draw in, it's crucial to stay visible during your workouts. Reflective clothing isn't just a fashion statement—it's a safety essential. Whether you're hitting the pavement at dawn or dusk, or biking through twilight, reflective gear ensures that drivers and fellow enthusiasts can see you from a distance.

### Why Reflective Gear Matters:

- **Enhanced Visibility:** Reflective materials bounce light back to its source, making you stand out in low-light conditions.
- **Increased Safety:** Visibility is key to preventing accidents. Reflective clothing and accessories help you stay safe on roads and trails.
- **Peace of Mind:** Knowing you're visible lets you focus on your workout, rather than worrying about traffic.

### Tips for Staying Visible:

- **Choose Bright Colors:** Reflective gear in neon or bright

colors adds an extra layer of visibility.

- **Accessorize:** Reflective vests, armbands, and shoe clips can be added to your existing gear for improved visibility.
- **Layer Up:** In cooler weather, ensure your outer layers are reflective.



Stay safe, stay seen, and enjoy every stride and pedal. Your health and safety are worth every bit of extra shine!

*Happy and bright trails,  
St. Matthews Police Department*

## St. Matthews Area Ministries: Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Times of Need

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The organization became a Dare to Care partner in 2010 and is part of the Louisville Association of Community Ministries, an umbrella organization that connects 13 Louisville-based community ministries. This network allows St. MAM to direct people to other resources when needed, such as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

But St. MAM's work wouldn't be possible without its army of dedicated volunteers. Each month, 75-100 community members give their time and energy to keep the ministry running smoothly. "Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization," Julie says. "And we're always looking for more helping hands — young and old alike!"

Indeed, St. MAM sees youth involvement as crucial to its mission and the future of philanthropy. When young people volunteer, they're not just helping others — they're learning valuable life lessons about compassion and community.

"Every little bit helps," Julie emphasizes. "Whether you can give time, money, or goods, it all makes a difference."

For those in need of assistance that live in the area, St. MAM is just a phone call away. The office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and can be reached at 502-893-0205. Callers are screened for eligibility before receiving services. Food pickup appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays but must be scheduled in advance.

St. MAM's new location at St. Matthews United Methodist Church (319 Browns Lane) has allowed them to expand their services, but Julie stresses that they're always working to

raise awareness. "We know there are many great charities out there, but we want our community to know we're here, right in their backyard, ready to help," she says.

As the needs in the community continue to evolve, so does St. MAM. They work directly with landlords and other organizations to provide rental assistance once a year, and their holiday programs — including Thanksgiving baskets and

the Adopt-a-Child Christmas program — bring joy to families during what can be a stressful time of year.

St. MAM's work is made possible through a combination of community support and partnerships with organizations like the City of St. Matthews, Louisville Water, LG&E, Louisville Metro Government, and Community Winter Help.

"We can't help everyone," Julie says, "but we've helped a lot of people. And with continued community support, we can help even more."

### So, how can you help? The options are plentiful:

1. Become a monthly or quarterly donor.
2. Volunteer at the food pantry, answer phones, or deliver groceries.
3. Offer your skills as a translator.
4. Link your Kroger Card to St. MAM through the Kroger Community Rewards program.
5. Purchase items from St. MAM's Amazon Wish List.
6. Organize a donation party/collection in your neighborhood, at your workplace, or with family/friends.
7. Donate grocery bags and empty egg cartons to the St. MAM food pantry.

As you go about your day in St. Matthews, remember that your neighbors at St. MAM are working tirelessly to ensure that no one in our community goes without basic necessities. Whether you're in a position to give or in need of a helping hand, St. Matthews Area Ministries is here to prove that when a community comes together, incredible things can happen.

After all, need knows no boundaries — but neither does compassion.



For more information, please visit:  
[stmam.com](http://stmam.com) or call: 502-893-0205



**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

### Adult Programs

English Conversation Club

**Mondays: Nov 4 – Dec 30**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

English Conversation Club allows English language learners to practice English with volunteers of native or near-native fluency. For more information call 502-574-1771.



**The Louisville History Series  
with Steve Wiser – The Legend  
of John Floyd**

**Monday, November 11**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Find out more about the legendary life of John Floyd with this presentation by historian and author Steve Wiser and St. Matthew resident Jessie Hagan.

**Adult Book Discussion**

**Tuesday, November 12th**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join us in discussing *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen.



**Stephen King Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday Nov 13**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Afternoon Book Discussion Group**

**Thursday November 14**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich.

**The Art of Alternative Movie Posters:  
Part V**

**Dec 20, 2024- Jan 5, 2025**

Come by the St. Matthews Library to see our fifth annual collection of amazing alternative film art posters. Raffles for giveaways will also be on display.

### Children's Programs

**WAGS: Read with a Dog**

**Saturday, December 14**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Come spend time with a therapy dog from WAGS (Wonderful Animals Giving Support). All ages welcome.



**Family Movie Night: *Sing***

**Thursday, Nov. 14**

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged. Movie starts at 6:30 pm. Rated PG.

**Family Movie Night: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas***

**Thursday, Dec 19**

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged. Movie starts at 6:30 pm.



**Celebrate the Season**

**Monday, December 23**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Learn about how different cultures and faiths around the world celebrate the changing of the seasons. Families are invited to share stories of how they celebrate the seasons as well. Food allergy alert: there will be food at each session. A list of ingredients will be available if needed. Ages 5-12.

**No storytimes on November 28,  
December 25, or January 2**



For a complete listing of programs and events, visit [www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org)

### Free Computer Tune-Up Service

A FREE computer tune-up and repair service is offered the first Saturday of each month from 1–4:30 p.m. at the St. Matthews Library's small conference room. Participants



must bring any additional devices that are needed such as a keyboard, monitor, and mouse for desktops. If participants are bringing a laptop, please bring your battery charger. If you would like to attend contact Rae Taylor at [taylor\\_rae@hotmail.com](mailto:taylor_rae@hotmail.com). We will be limiting the attendance to 3 people.



### Rental Property Registration

Louisville Metro Department of Codes & Regulations requires registration of all rental units. Fees range from \$25 to \$250, with fines up to \$100 per day per unregistered unit.

Register online at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/codes-regulations/> or in person at 444 S. 5th St., Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40202.

## Winter Storage for Campers, Boats, and Trailers

As vacations come to an end, let's remember to put campers, boats, and trailers into storage along with the season. Section 78.09 of the City Code, "Parking of boats, trailers and RVs," explains what is permissible when storing such vehicles.

Such vehicles may not be parked in a front or street-side yard, or on a driveway of a residence between a line along the front or street side of the house and the paved portion of the public street. Additionally, they may not be parked on any street in or adjacent to any residential or apartment district.

This is also a good time to ensure that any inoperable vehicles are removed before the winter months. Codes regarding abandoned, junked, or inoperable vehicles are found in Section 90 of the City Code, which states: "The accumulation and storage of one or more of such abandoned or junked vehicles as defined in 90.01 on private property shall be deemed a nuisance" and is, therefore, prohibited. If you are in doubt whether



your vehicle falls into this category, don't check with your neighbor; consult Code 90.01 on the city website.

### 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](mailto: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

July: Woody and Jean Miller, Fairlawn Ave.  
August: Ken Rueff, Ridgeway Ave.  
Sept.: Michael Erskine, Elmwood Ave.

*Outstanding Neighbors pictured top to bottom: Woody and Jean Miller, Ken Rueff and Michael Erskine.*



## Good Neighboring

- Residents may dispose of one large item per week at no charge. Mattresses, box springs and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic. Residents should call Rumpke 48 hours before pickup to arrange disposal.
- As of April 9, 2019, items for collection may be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before pickup and must be removed within 24 hours after collection.
- To report streetlight outages, contact Louisville Gas & Electric at 502-589-3500 or use the link on the city website. Provide the street name and nearest address when reporting.
- Do not block sidewalks with vehicles or debris, impeding the safe path for all pedestrians.
- Property owners must keep sidewalks clear of vegetation. The site view at intersections for all vehicular traffic must remain unobstructed per zoning regulations.





Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

## Completed Projects

- Warwick Park Phase I completed in area adjacent to Columbia Avenue.
- Cut back and removed an abundance of foliage in rear undeveloped alleys in areas around the City. Please remember that residents are responsible for the property both in the front and rear of their properties.
- Workers removed stumps from trees that received permission to be removed, or fell during recent weather events. Free stump grinding is available to residents for trees removed in city rights-of-way.
- Patched potholes and repaired street damage on many city streets. Please notify the City if you are aware of any street damage that should be addressed.
- Storm debris removed throughout the city from multiple summer storms. After large storm events, debris can be placed in marked yard waste containers for disposal with trash, or larger tree debris can be placed at the edge of property, adjacent to the street, for work crews to retrieve.

## Current Projects:

- Drainage improvements to Trinity Hills Ditch Project are under construction. Project completion scheduled for June 2025.
- New restroom at Community Park, near McCandless Field. Currently working with utilities.
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park Project out to bid.
- Exterior improvements to The Arterburn, replacing the façade, is in design approval process.
- Draut Park: New signage and history board, along with commemorative plaque is in final design.



*Phase I of Warwick Park brought additional parking, a new state-of-the-art basketball court, four new pickleball courts, a new restroom, and many new trees. Landscaping has been delayed until planting conditions are optimal.*

## Future Projects:

- Electric improvements at Brown Park (construction to start February 2025).
- Alley improvements between Massie and Gilman are in design.
- Design of Phase II & III of Warwick Park improvements (new walking track, additional parking, updated pavilion and plaza, new playground).

**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.

## How to stay in the know this fall and winter For Leaf collection

**Do:** Go to: [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov) for:  
Leaf collection projected schedules  
Watch for signs posted in your neighborhood

**Do not:** Cover catch basin drains or fill drainage ditches. This can cause backup of the drainage system, should we receive rain during this time.

**Do not:** Rake leaves onto the street pavement.

## For Snow removal:

**Do:** Register for ReachAlert.com for important information during snow events.  
Park off the roadway during snow events to allow snowplows



to clear your road.

Shovel your walk and driveway.

Set garbage and recycling containers out at the street.

**Do not:** Park on the road, or set out garbage or recycling containers with frozen lids.



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

Mayor Richard J. Tonini

### *City Council*

Bernard Bowling

Frank Flynn

Nate Hernandez

Tim Holland

Sarah Landes

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

## Reach Alert

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

## Be A Good Neighbor!

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

## Government Access

City Hall Office: (502) 895-9444

Code Enforcement: (502) 899-2512

Police Department: (502) 893-9000

City Engineer: (502) 899-2518

Public Works: (502) 899-2517

Property Taxes: (502) 899-2511

Police Records: (502) 899-2537

## Emergency: 911

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

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