



St. Matthews Living

February 2025

A New Chapter: Judi Kassebaum Steps into St. Matthews City Clerk Role

In the city government of St. Matthews, a familiar face has taken on a new and challenging responsibility. Judi Kassebaum, who has been a dedicated employee of the city since 2017, recently transitioned into the role of city clerk in October, bringing with her a wealth of experience and a passion for public service.

Judi's journey with St. Matthews began in the spring of 2017 when she started as a business tax specialist. Her role initially focused on managing business licenses and occupational taxes, a position that required communication skills and attention to detail. Coming from a diverse professional background, Judi found herself well-equipped to handle the intricacies of municipal administration.

Her professional path has been one of adaptability and lifelong learning. Before joining St. Matthews, Judi had a varied career that included working for the Jefferson County Board of Elections in the 1990s, where she served as a training supervisor. She then moved into the private sector, working in sales and as a human resources contractor for GE Appliances and later selling prescription safety glasses across the country.

With a communications degree from the University of Louisville, Judi has always been comfortable interacting with people from all walks of life. Her sales experience proved invaluable in her municipal roles, allowing her to communicate effectively with business owners, safety managers, and city residents alike.

After her initial role as a business tax specialist, Judi transitioned into human resources when the city's human resources generalist retired. Now, as city clerk, she is navigating a new role while continuing to serve the community she has grown to love.

"I think my favorite part of the job so far is meeting and helping the residents of St. Matthews," Judi shared. Her commitment to public service is evident in her approach to the new position, and she acknowledges that there is a learning curve that comes with such a significant role.

Support has been invaluable in her transition. Judi credits the city council members, including the mayor, administration staff, and her predecessor Susan Clark, for providing guidance and assistance. She is working to develop and improve systems within the city's administrative operations, ensuring that city records are maintained with the utmost care and efficiency.

Married for 32 years, Judi has two grown children—a son working in construction and a daughter who is a nurse. Her home is currently a lively space shared with two energetic puppies—a cattle dog Beagle mix and a Pyrenees mix—which she admits keep her quite busy.

When not managing city affairs, Judi enjoys outdoor activities that help her unwind. Reading, walking, and kayaking are her preferred methods of relaxation, with Beargrass Creek and local lakes being some of her favorite places to kayak.

"I look forward to learning more and assisting residents with their needs while keeping all city records in good order," she says, embodying the dedication and professionalism that have characterized her career so far.

For the residents of St. Matthews, Judi Kassebaum represents a wonderful blend of experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to community service.



St. Matthews City Clerk Judi Kassebaum

A Message From...



St. Matthews to Celebrate 75 Years as a City, over 265 Years as a Community

On March 22, the city of St. Matthews will have realized 75 years as an incorporated city and over 265 years as a historic community. City leaders are planning

a celebration to mark the city's milestone on Saturday, June 7, in Brown Park. At this time, please save the date to attend, as specifics are yet to be announced.

Watch the St. Matthews May newsletter, website, and city Facebook page for upcoming detailed announcements.

Grant Process

Organizations interested in securing a grant from the city of St. Matthews must submit their written application form, available on the city website's Business tab, before May 1, to be considered for approval. All grants awarded will be included in the following fiscal year budget.

Hometown History—St. Matthews Mayor Bernard F. Bowling (1958-1984)

Bernard Bowling, Sr. was appointed mayor in October 1958 when failing health forced James Noland to resign. Bowling was a long-time St. Matthews businessman and civic leader whose family owned Plehn's Bakery at 3940 Frankfort Avenue. However, he was also trained as a civil engineer, and it was that technical expertise that proved important when he tackled the city's chronic drainage and flooding problems, which had historically been the biggest obstacle to development in St. Matthews.

Bowling quickly initiated a \$2 million sewer-construction project that laid the groundwork for developing the bulk of the city's remaining undeveloped land, and thus for phenomenal growth in the city's tax base during the 1970s and 1980s.

Bowling, a father of 10 children, served as mayor for 26 years, without pay for the first 21; he was personally involved

in virtually every decision, large and small, made on the city's behalf over more than a quarter-century. He spent thousands of hours driving and walking the neighborhoods and came to know St. Matthews like the back of his hand. "I know where every sinkhole is," he once boasted. He also made a point of knowing almost every homeowner and business person by name. His unrivaled devotion to the city's welfare and his considerable personal charm—not to mention his careful cultivation of the like-minded City Council and administrative staff—gave Bowling the authority to conduct the city's affairs almost single-handedly.

Determined to maintain cordial relations with larger local government entities (mainly to safeguard his city's independence), he had doughnuts delivered from his family's bakery to Louisville City Hall and Jefferson Fiscal Court virtually every day he was in

office. Some critics contended that Bowling was excessively pro-development, and that his zoning policies in particular led to "piece-meal development of large tracts of land," causing traffic congestion and spoiling the city's quiet residential character.

Bowling believed he had done what was necessary for St. Matthews to prosper and to continue meeting the needs of its citizens.

Gretchen Kaiser, a former city clerk once said, "The thing about Mayor Bowling was that he really loved St. Matthews; that was obvious even to the people who disagreed with him. He had a very specific vision of the city's future, and he made it happen. The St. Matthews we live in today is largely the one he envisioned.



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.

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 to request information about AHHS.



Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

February 22, 2025

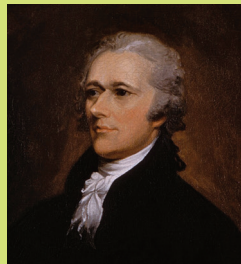
Constitutional Symposium at
Bellarmine University

March 15, 2025

Richard Werking "Lafayette"

April 19, 2025

Jack Brammer



Join St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) in making a difference in our community! Mark your calendars for two upcoming opportunities to help local families in need:

Our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Drive kicks off two weeks before Super Bowl Sunday (February 9, 2025). Help us tackle hunger by donating non-perishable food items to support our neighbors during the winter months.

As spring approaches, you can also participate in our **Easter Food Basket collection** leading up to Easter Sunday on April 20, 2025. Your contributions will help ensure local families can enjoy a special holiday meal together.

Stay connected and learn more about these drives and other ways to help by following us on Facebook (@wearestmam or visiting our website at www.stmam.com.



City wide snow treatment

The city of St. Matthews treats all public streets during snow events, prioritizing main thoroughfares before residential areas. Please park vehicles off the roadway to allow snowplows to operate safely and effectively.

With smaller snow events, to be fiscally and environmentally responsible, the city will only salt the intersections. All major roads — including Browns Lane, Bowling Boulevard, Breckenridge Lane, Chenoweth Lane, Dutchmans Lane, Hubbards Lane, Kresge Way, New LaGrange Road, Shelbyville Road, Washburn Avenue and Westport Road — are the responsibility of Louisville Metro and the State of Kentucky.



Woman's Club of St. Matthews

The Woman's Club of St. Matthew hosts programs, workshops, and field trips, on the second Monday of each month. Most programs are held at the St. Matthews City Hall first floor, which is handicap accessible. Folks of all ages and gender are invited to attend.

All programs are free with a possibility of a nominal fee for workshop materials, or field trip expenses. Please visit our website at WCSM.org for our 2025 schedule.



The Woman's Club is open to women of all ages from anywhere within the Kentuckiana area. Come explore the opportunities and adventures within our club, we would love to meet you.

Changing of the Guard

The St. Matthews Police Department recently experienced a significant transition, with six valued team members retiring or transferring to other roles. We extend our deepest gratitude to Sgt. Barbara Shepard, Sgt. Charlie Portman, Officer Kent Jones and Officer Larry Cushman for their years of dedicated service as they step into retirement. Additionally, Officer Brad Harris and Officer John Hackel have transitioned to other departments, and we wish them continued success in their careers.

We are pleased to announce the hiring of six new officers and one civilian staff member to join the SMPD family. Our new officers are Eugenio Castaneda, Stan Simonov, Randy Roberts, Matthew Brian, Robert Long, and Larry Cushman who has rejoined the department as a rehire. Molly Dentinger, our new civilian hire, will take on the role of evidence officer, replacing John Hackel in this important capacity.

We are excited to welcome these new team members and look forward to their contributions as we continue to serve the St. Matthews community.

Enhancing Criminal Investigations

The St. Matthews Police Department is enhancing our expertise in criminal investigations by addressing critical areas of concern. Detective Lisa Doyle has been appointed to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, where she will focus on combating online offenses targeting vulnerable youth. She has undergone extensive, specialized training in this field, including expertise in identifying and investigating child sexual abuse material and other internet-facilitated crimes against children. We have already successfully resolved a significant child pornography case, resulting in an arrest.

If you see something, say something. Call SMPD dispatch at 502-893-9000.

Chamber of St. Matthews Staff Members Receive Awards

Suiter Receives Most Admired CEO from Louisville Business First

The Chamber of St. Matthews CEO Josh Suiter was one of 25 presidents and CEOs in the Louisville area to be recognized by Louisville Business First as a Most Admired CEO at a dinner on Nov. 21 at the Galt House.

Suiter, who was nominated by a Chamber member, has been with the Chamber since 2016 and CEO since February 2022.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from Business First but even more honored to be nominated by a Chamber member who sees the hard work, dedication and passion I put into my work," Suiter said.

Hart Receives Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives Staff Member of the Year

Virginia Hart, the Chamber's chief operating officer, was named Staff Member of the Year by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives at their Annual Conference in September in Louisville.

Hart competed against Chamber staff from across Kentucky and was chosen by an independent panel of judges. "We are very proud of Virginia for winning this award. She works tirelessly for the Chamber and for the community as she plans Halloween in Brown Park and Light Up St. Matthews."



Top: Josh Suiter receives the award from an event sponsor at the Louisville Business First Most Admired CEOs event.



Right: Virginia Hart, pictured on left, was presented the award by Amy Cloud, executive director of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Springtime Crime Prevention Tips

As spring approaches, people tend to spend more time outdoors, travel for vacations and engage in spring cleaning and home improvement activities. This increase in activity can present new opportunities for criminals, so it's important to take proactive steps to prevent crime during the spring season. Here are some springtime crime prevention tips:

Enhance Home Security

- Secure windows and doors: Spring means warmer weather, and many people open windows or doors for ventilation. Ensure all windows and doors are properly secured when not in use. Install window locks and consider using security bars or screens if necessary.
- Maintain a well-lit property: Install motion sensor lights around entrances and dark corners of your property to increase visibility.
- Smart security systems: Consider upgrading to a smart home security system with cameras, alarms, and motion detectors. Many systems now include remote monitoring.
- Use timers for lights and electronics: If you plan to be away, use timers to make it appear as though someone is home.

Prevent Car Theft

- Lock your car and hide valuables: Always lock your car, even if it's parked in a driveway, and never leave valuables in sight. Consider using a steering wheel lock for added protection.
- Park in well-lit areas: Choose well-lit, busy parking areas. Parking near security cameras or in locations with high foot traffic can help prevent theft.
- Install a tracking device: Consider installing a GPS tracking device in your car.

Watch Out for Home Improvement Scams

- Vet contractors and repairmen: Always check credentials, read reviews, and ask for references. Scammers often target homeowners with offers for cheap services.
- Avoid paying upfront: Never pay for the entire job in advance. Make sure a contract is in place.

Prepare for Seasonal Travel

- Avoid announcing your absence on social media.
- Request a mail hold or forwarding: Place a hold on your mail for extended absences.
- Alert neighbors or a trusted friend: Ask them to keep an eye on your property and collect packages.
- Contact SMPD for a free vacation watch. Visit the city website and sign up for a vacation watch.



Keep Your Lawn and Garden Secure

- Maintain a tidy yard: Keep your grass mowed, hedges trimmed, and bushes near windows pruned.
- Secure garden tools and equipment: Store these items in a locked shed or garage.
- Consider installing a fence or gate around your property.

Be Aware of Seasonal Crime Trends

- Watch out for open door opportunities: Always close and lock doors and windows when you leave, or are working out in your yard.
- Stay vigilant for porch pirates: Consider using a secure delivery location or porch camera.

Prepare for Seasonal Events

- Festival and event safety: Be aware of your surroundings and keep belongings close.
- Lock your bike and other outdoor gear: Secure all outdoor equipment.

Check out the City of St. Matthews' website for information and places to report crime tips, vacation watches, and other services at <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/police/>



FREE House Watch while you are away



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



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

St. Matthews Team Highlights

Jim Birch, Administration



Meet Saint Matthews City Engineer Jim Birch, with more energy than folks half his age! At 86-years-young, this long-time public servant has

been solving city problems since 1986, juggling technical tasks as a part time employee of St. Matthews. Not only that, but he also works part time for the City of Lyndon as a city engineer!

Jim has a bachelor of science in chemical engineering from UK, and a certificate in traffic engineering from Northwestern University. Jim reviews building permits, traffic issues and takes phone calls residents about zoning and street issues. When he's not working, he plays golf and enjoys spending time with his wife of 57 years, his children and grandchildren.

"I get to serve a purpose every day," Jim says. His favorite part of the job is helping people with their issues, and he says he feels very blessed to work for St. Matthews.

LeMon Jones, Public Works



LeMon Jones brings passion and dedication to his role in Saint Matthews Public Works, where he's been an official employee of the City for just over

three months.

After volunteering through Dismas Charities, LeMon is now part of a team that focuses on ensuring parks, City Hall, and public spaces look their best through landscaping and maintenance.

With a background in multiple trades including carpentry and painting, Jones credits his mentor and former Public Works employee, the late Aaron McCarley, for inspiring him. He speaks highly of his supervisor, Terry Ridgeway, praising his leadership style of working alongside his team.

Outside of work, Jones enjoys basketball, likes painting, and is excited about his upcoming first cruise. Family remains central to his life, with his mother serving as his primary inspiration and anchor.

Eugenio Casteneda, Police



Officer Eugenio Casteneda brings over a decade of law enforcement experience to the Saint Matthews Police Department. Starting his career with Louisville

Metro in 2010, he served there for a decade before moving to Shepherdsville in Bullitt County in 2020. After four successful years there, he achieved his longtime goal of joining Saint Matthews Police Department in September 2024.

Now patrolling the night shift from 10 pm to 8 am, Casteneda views himself as more than just a police officer—he's a counselor, teacher, and community builder. He's a devoted father to three children, ages 4, 5, and 11, and shares a home with his fiancée, planning their future together. He also enjoys attending car shows and automobile museums.

His proudest moments at work come from the positive impact he has made, including several people who still thank him years later for taking extra time to guide them through difficult times.

Sign Up for REACH Alert through the STM website!

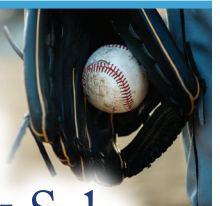
The St. Matthews Police Department wants you to be informed. We are encouraging all St. Matthews Residents and business owners to sign up for our **FREE** REACH ALERT. This technology provides you with important information in a timely manner.

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

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



Help Kids Play Ball! Fourth Annual Baseball Equipment Collection & Sale



Levi Gladstein, a 16-year-old junior at Louisville Collegiate School, is hosting his fourth annual used baseball equipment collection and sale on Sunday, March 2, at Voll Field, St. Matthews Community Park (time to be announced).

All proceeds support scholarships for children to participate in St. Matthews Baseball. Clean out your garage or storage area and make a difference in a young player's life! Your used baseball equipment can help create opportunities for kids to enjoy America's favorite pastime.

Equipment donations are now being accepted. For pickup, contact Heather Gladstein at heathergladstein@gmail.com or (917) 658-6451.

New Recruits

St. Matthews Fire & EMS launched its third recruit class in July 2024, continuing its century-long legacy of service. In collaboration with Anchorage Fire & EMS, the class includes four St. Matthews recruits with no prior firefighting experience who are set to graduate as fully certified professionals in late January 2025.

The comprehensive fire academy program provides recruits with crucial skills and certifications, including EMT-B certification and state-certified firefighter status, through an intensive drill school training regimen.

Jacob Barr, Grace Tatro, Allison Williams and Evan Shields are the four recruits joining the St. Matthews Fire & EMS team. After graduation, they will become full-time firefighters, working a 24/48-hour schedule across one of St. Matthews Fire & EMS' four firehouses. Their roles will contribute to the department's mission of delivering swift, efficient and compassionate emergency services.

The addition of these new recruits expands St. Matthews Fire & EMS' full-time staff to 102 employees, underscoring the department's dedication to upholding high standards in emergency response and community service.



New recruits Jacob Barr, Grace Tatro, Allison Williams and Evan Shields.

As St. Matthews Fire & EMS marks over a century of service, the integration of these new recruits demonstrates the department's commitment to growth and enhancement of its capabilities in serving the St. Matthews Fire District effectively.

Fire Safety Tips

It's important to act quickly if your car catches fire.

If your vehicle catches fire:

- Pull over as quickly as you can when it is safe.
- Once you have stopped, turn off the engine.
- Get everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car. Do not try to fight the fire yourself.
- If you think there is a fire under the hood or trunk, do not open it. This could cause the fire to grow.
- Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- Call 911.

To prevent a vehicle fire:

- Have your car serviced regularly by a trained mechanic.
- Keep gas cans or propane tanks away from passengers. Tightly seal and place them on a flat surface to make sure they stay upright.
- Keep windows open to stop fumes from building up if you must put gas cans or propane tanks inside your vehicle.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Source: U.S. Fire Administration website

Good Neighboring

Portable Storage Containers

A permit is required if you want to use a portable storage container. To learn what is allowed and what is required, contact City Hall or go to the city website's Business tab/Permits.

Appliance/Junk Pick-up

Please contact Rumpke at 800-828-8171 at least 48 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large-item pickup for acceptable large items and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pickup. All St. Matthews residents are allowed to dispose of one large item per week at no charge.

Report Potholes

Please report any pothole by calling 502-899-2517 or via the Contact Us page on the city website. Should the pothole be located outside of the St. Matthews jurisdiction, the city will notify the appropriate jurisdictional agency.

The Arterburn: St. Matthews' Premier Event Space

Enjoy your St. Matthews resident discount and book your next corporate, group, or family event at The Arterburn.

Located in St. Matthews Community Park, The Arterburn is a beautifully renovated community building offering versatile event spaces and amenities.

The facility features:

- Three different room sizes.
- Large enclosed patio.
- Professional warming kitchen.
- Bridal room.
- Audio-visual equipment
- Tables and chairs included with rental.
- Seasonal and resident discounts.

For information, pricing, or to schedule an onsite tour, contact St. Matthews City Hall or visit the website: <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/arterburn/>

Exterior Renovation

This winter and early spring, The Arterburn at 310 Ten Pin Lane will undergo an exterior renovation to complement its 2022 interior updates.

Planned improvements include:

- Replacing existing green and tan glazed brick with limestone dry stack rock veneer.
- Painting remaining brick facade to harmonize with new stonework.
- Installing limestone seating and rock walls
- Adding updated signage.

To view The Arterburn Rental Agreement visit: <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/ArterburnContract4-24.pdf>

Seasonal
and
Resident
Discounts!



The Arterburn Rendering of new look with upgrade.



Take a Virtual Tour



Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as trash on weeks highlighted in red. Holidays marked in blue will delay recycling and trash one day.

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St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

Adult Programs

Adult Board Game Night

Thursday, Feb 6

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Learn to play board games from our circulating collection or bring your own games that you would like to play with others. Ages 18+



Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 11

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

We will be discussing *Odd Child Out* by Gilly MacMillan



Stephen King Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, Feb. 12

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The Talisman by Stephen King

Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Thursday, Feb. 13

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Cozy Writing Workshop Ages 12+

Wednesday, Feb 19

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Come share your personal writing

in a supportive, relaxing space at St. Matthews library this winter.

Movie Discussion Group

Thursday, Feb 20

2:00 – 3:00 pm

The Color Purple (1985)

African American History Month

Author Visit: Dana Walker Lindley

Wednesday, Feb 26

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Local author Dana Walker Lindley will discuss her book *Ascension—Portrait of a Woman*.

D&D at the Library Ages 16+

Thursday, Feb 20

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

New adventurers wanted! Learn the basics of Dungeons & Dragons.

St. Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday, Mar 21

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Saturday, Mar 22

10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday, Mar 23

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Cash only. Exact change is appreciated.



Children & Families

Reading with Mercy the Comfort Dog

Thursday February 6

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Register for a 15-minute slot to read aloud to certified comfort dog Mercy.

Call 574-1771 to register. Grades K-5th



WAGS: Read with a Dog

Saturday, Feb 8

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: *The Little Mermaid*

Thursday, Feb 27

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. This month, we're going under the sea with Ariel and her friends in *The Little Mermaid*. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged.



For a complete listing of programs and events, visit 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. 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.

Code Enforcement Board Established in St. Matthews

In September 2024, St. Matthews created a Code Enforcement Board to protect residents' health, safety, and welfare through an administrative mechanism for ensuring municipal ordinance compliance.

The board is comprised of three active members and two alternates who:

- Must be residents of St. Matthews for at least one year.
- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Will be nominated by the mayor and confirmed by city council.

Board Operations

Regular meetings will be held at City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month if there is business to be undertaken. Additional meetings will follow Kentucky Open Meetings Act requirements.

Key Powers

The Code Enforcement Board can:

- Conduct hearings to determine ordinance violations.
- Issue remedial orders for code breaches.

- Impose civil fines for violations.
- Establish municipal liens for unpaid fines and enforcement costs.

Enforcement Details

The board may levy fines against property owners found in violation, with the city retaining the right to place liens on properties to recover enforcement expenses.

Residents interested in the board's work are encouraged to review the complete ordinance (24-04) on the St. Matthews website's Code and Ordinance Page.

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.

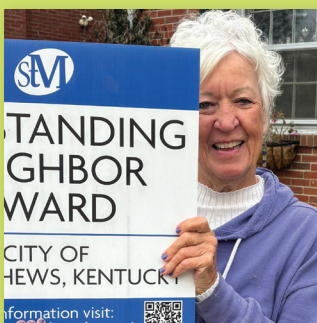
Recent Outstanding Neighbor Recipients

October: Beth S. on Alton Road.

November: Shep Sandford on Gilman Avenue.

December: Ann Hubbs on Norbourne Boulevard.

Outstanding Neighbors pictured top to bottom: Beth S., Shep Sandford, and Ann Hubbs.



Winter Reminders

Keep sidewalks and driveways clear of snow for mail carriers, delivery workers, and neighbors.

During heavy snow or icy conditions, place garbage and recycling containers at the street. Check that lids are unfrozen and secure.

Per St. Matthews ordinance, all garbage, recycling and yard waste containers should only be out between 5 p.m. the day before pickup and put away the same day they are emptied.



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

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Warwick Park Phase I: New basketball and pickleball courts now open
- Leaf Collection: Crews collected leaves from city right-of-ways.
- Seasonal mowing of parks and public spaces completed
- Street pot holes patched.
- Foliage cleared from undeveloped alleys in Camelot and Warwick neighborhoods. Residents are responsible for maintenance of the property in the front and rear of their properties.
- Storm debris removal.
- Tree stump removal from storm-damaged and permitted sites.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Trinity Hills Ditch Drainage Improvements: Construction in progress, scheduled for completion June 30, 2025.
- Draut Park Stream and Basin Improvements: Bidding process underway, phased construction expected this winter.



- The Arterburn building exterior improvements: Beginning February 2025.
- Brown Park electrical upgrades: Design completed, construction starting February 2025.
- New Community Park restroom near McCandless Field: Spring 2025 construction.
- Alley improvements between Massie and Gilman: Design phase, late spring 2025 construction.
- Warwick Park Phase II & III: Walking track, parking, pavilion, plaza, and playground improvements starting Spring 2025.
- Phased street sign replacement project.

Easy Being Green

There are so many inspiring folks making a real, meaningful difference for our planet, and by extension all the life it sustains, including humanity.

The City of St. Matthews supports these efforts, therefore, let's all agree to do our part by making even the smallest contribution to a healthier world.

- Plant a tree or native plant (STM offers free trees).
- Clean up litter along your daily walk.
- Green Up an area currently covered by rock, asphalt, or concrete (STM offers Free parking Green Up.)
- Pick up after your pets and dispose of the waste in your personal or community disposal container (STM provides disposal stations in each of our parks.)
- Donate usable items to charity.
- Recycle all materials, when possible, to preserve landfills (STM provides curb side recycling for many items).
- Implement reusable grocery bags.
- Walk, carpool, or use public transportation when possible.
- Purchase products in reusable or recyclable packaging.
- Buy Local – Kentucky Proud.
- Volunteer with a local group to keep recyclable items from landfills. (SOS in Louisville recycles medical supplies and welcomes volunteer of all ages.)



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.

City of St. Matthews
3940 Grandview Avenue
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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.

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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