



# St. Matthews Living

May 2025

## St. Matthews Celebrates 75 Years as an Incorporated City: Join the Grand Celebration on June 7th



Join us at Brown Park on Saturday, June 7th, as St. Matthews celebrates its 75th anniversary of incorporation with an all-day celebration featuring live music, family attractions, and an exciting drone show finale. This landmark celebration, running from noon to 10 p.m. at the corner of Browns Lane and Kresge Way, invites residents and visitors alike to honor the city's remarkable journey from agricultural powerhouse to thriving suburban community.

"As we celebrate 75 years of progress, community, and resilience, I invite everyone to join us in honoring St. Matthews's rich history and bright future. This milestone is a testament to the spirit of our people—let's celebrate together!" says Mayor Rick Tonini, encouraging all to participate in this historic occasion.

Admission to this milestone celebration is free, with convenient parking available at the Baptist Health doctors building across from the park. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from on-site food trucks and at the beer garden.

### 75 Years of History and Community Spirit

While celebrating 75 years since incorporation in 1950, St. Matthews boasts roots extending over 260 years. Originally called Beargrass by Native American tribes, the area gained fame as the "Potato Capital of the World" from 1910 to 1946.

Mark your calendars for June 7th and join in celebrating 75 years of city pride and over two and a half centuries of community spirit.

## Celebrate 75 years on June 7 at Brown Park

### A Day Packed with Entertainment & Family Fun

Festival-goers can start their day with **morning yoga at 10 a.m.** before diving into a packed schedule of entertainment and activities:

#### Live Music All Day featuring:

- The Rigbys: A special Beatles tribute.
- Sheryl Rouse: performing Motown classics.
- The Heart of Rock & Roll - Huey Lewis & The News tribute band.
- Pat Garvey's One Irish Rover - A soulful Van Morrison tribute.

#### Families with children will find endless entertainment options:

- Kid's Bounce Houses – Jump into fun!
- Petting Zoo – A chance to meet adorable animals.
- Mobile Climbing Wall & Zip Line – For the adventurous souls.
- Storytelling Sessions – Captivating tales and local folklore.
- Toddler Train Ride – A fun ride for the little ones.
- Balloon Animals & Face Painting by John the Balloon Guy.
- Circus & Street Performers – Prepare to be amazed!
- Karaoke & Silent Disco – Time to get your groove on.
- Caricature Artist – Get a fun drawing!
- 360 Photo Booth – Capture those perfect moments.
- Cooking Demonstrations featuring local St. Matthews chefs and The Flavor Queen.



# A Message From...

## Meet the STM City Council

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

STM Eline Library

Come meet your St. Matthews City Councilmembers. Bring your questions or concerns for discussion.

### Code Enforcement Board Appointments

At the January 28 City Council meeting, the following residents were unanimously appointed to the newly formed St. Matthews Code Enforcement Board by Municipal Order No. 25-03, Series 2025:

Mr. Chris Mooser – Real estate attorney with extensive experience in both residential and commercial properties, specializing in property maintenance standards and compliance issues.

Mr. Dan Heiskell – Former chairman of the Jefferson County Forestry Department and a former elected official, bringing

valuable suburban city government experience.

Mr. David Marchal – Professional architect since 1995, currently employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Marchal has managed various regulatory processes for Metro Louisville, including planning, urban design, historic preservation, and building code approval.

*Alternate Members:*

Mr. Tony Weiter – St. Matthews resident for over 38 years, retired telecommunications professional with background in real estate sales and management. As a former St. Matthews City Council member, Mr. Weiter brings valuable experience in zoning matters, ordinances, and city government operations.

Mr. Wes Gies – 49-year resident of St. Matthews and Independent Third-Party Consultant with foundational legal studies in Civil Procedure, Torts, Contracts, and Property.

## 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 held in the Artisan Room, in the Meadow Building of the Masonic Homes Kentucky, 3701 Frankfort Avenue.

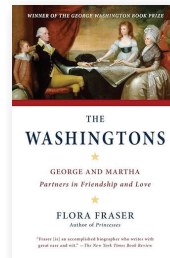
Contact [lauvepoch@att.net](mailto:lauvepoch@att.net) or visit: <https://ahhsky.wixsite.com/ahhs-ky>

As always, AHHS meetings are open to the public. Please use common sense concerning precautions to stay safe from Covid-19.



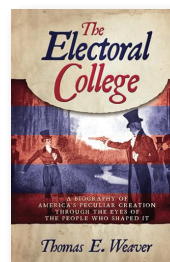
**April 19**

Jack Brammer presents: *The Washingtons: George and Martha; Partners in Friendship and Love* by Flora Fraser



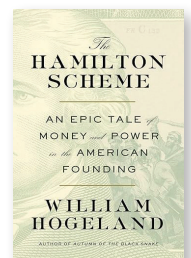
**May 17**

Matt Hanka presents: *The Electoral College: A Biography of America's Peculiar Creation Through the Eyes of the People Who Shaped It* by Thomas E. Weaver



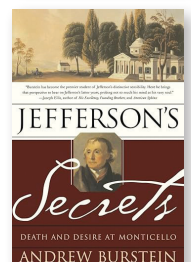
**June 21 (tentative)**

Mark Webster presents: *The Hamilton Scheme: An Epic Tale of Money and Power in the American Founding* By William Hogeland



**July 19**

Richard Prichard presents: *Jefferson's Secrets: Death and Desire at Monticello* By Andrew Burstein



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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## Shakespeare in the Park: *Macbeth*

Sunday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Front lawn of City Hall

3940 Grandview Avenue

Bring your lawn chair or blanket for seating.

Weather Contingency: In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to:

Trinity High School Gymnasium

4011 Shelbyville Road.

Free parking available.

The City will post venue changes on the city Facebook page, website, and via Reminder Reach Alert if needed.



## Summer Events with St. Matthews Area Ministries

Join us for a season of giving and community support!

### May:

**12th Annual Kentucky Gives Day** - Support our mission through this special day of online giving

**USPS Stamps Out Hunger** - Partner with us in this important food collection initiative

### August:

**St. MAM Golf Classic** - Our signature summer fundraising event combining sport and community service

Stay Connected: Follow us on Facebook @wearestmam for event details, volunteer opportunities, and impact stories.



Your participation helps us continue providing essential services to our neighbors in need!

## Mark your calendars! The St. Matthews Independence Day 5K returns bigger and better than ever.



### Event features include:

- Closed course winding through St. Matthews neighborhoods.
- Tech shirt and chip timing.
- On-site parking.
- Free race photos.
- Post-race food and vendor booths.
- Door prizes and awards.

Registration and additional information available at

[rivercityraces.com](http://rivercityraces.com). Walkers welcome, and virtual option available. The event has sold out the past two years, so register early to secure your spot.

All proceeds benefit community programs and services through Love 40207 and St. Matthews Area Ministries.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Businesses interested in sponsoring or donating to this community event should contact Bill Nowak at [bill.nowak@gmail.com](mailto:bill.nowak@gmail.com) for more information.



## Woman's Club of St. Matthews

The club offers free programs, open to the public on the fourth Monday of each month, 10:30 a.m., in the Noland room at the St. Matthews City Hall building. All ages and genders are invited to hear interesting speakers or view demonstrations. Periodically, workshops and field trips are scheduled, for a nominal fee. For a complete list of upcoming events, or to learn about the club, visit the club website at [wcm.org](http://wcm.org).



## National Night Out St. Matthews Community Park Tuesday, August 5 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ten Pin Lane (behind Ten Pin Bowling)

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 Equipment and Safety Updates

### Officer Safety & Equipment

#### Body Armor Grant

The SMPD received a grant from the Kentucky Attorney General's Office to replace body armor for officers with expired or soon-to-expire vests. With each ballistic vest costing approximately \$1,000, this grant provides essential safety equipment without impacting the city's budget.

#### Radio Communications Upgrade

New portable police radios have been implemented to improve communication with the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD). This upgrade addresses previous limitations caused by LMPD's encrypted radio system and ensures better coordination during emergencies and joint operations.



### Fleet Modernization

#### First Electric Police Vehicle

SMPD has purchased its first electric police vehicle, a 2025 Chevrolet Blazer EV PPV. This specially designed law enforcement vehicle supports the department's commitment to innovation and sustainability while offering lower fuel costs and reduced maintenance compared to gas-powered vehicles.

#### New Vehicle Design

A fresh design for patrol vehicles is being implemented, starting with the new electric Blazer. All future marked police vehicles will feature this updated look, with existing vehicles transitioning over time. The redesign aims to increase visibility and recognition throughout the community.

### Crime Buzz

#### Seasonal Crime Prevention

With warmer weather approaching and its associated

increase in crime, residents are encouraged to take preventive measures.

#### Vehicle Security:

- Lock all doors and close windows, even while at home.
- Hide valuables from plain sight.
- Park in well-lit areas with regular foot traffic.

#### Home Security:

- Trim vegetation near windows and doors.
- Install sturdy locks and deadbolts.
- Use exterior lighting, especially motion-sensor lights.

#### Community Engagement:

- Stay informed about local crime trends.
- Report suspicious activities to SMPD (502-893-9000).
- Request extra patrols for specific concerns.
- Sign up for the free Reach Alert System for timely notifications: 877-307-9313.

### Scam Alert

Fraudulent toll-related text messages are targeting Kentucky drivers. These messages claim to be from agencies like RiverLink (which manages Kentucky-Indiana bridge tolls) and assert unpaid tolls requiring immediate payment.

#### Warning Signs:

- Messages from "RiverLinks" or "Kentucky Toll Roads."
- Claims of unpaid tolls with payment links.
- Spelling errors like "overfee."

#### Protection Tips:

- Never click unsolicited links.
- Verify toll status through official channels (riverlink.com or 1-855-RIV-LINK).
- Report incidents to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (ic3.gov).
- Contact your bank immediately if personal information was shared.



For more information, visit the St. Matthews Police Department website at <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/police>.

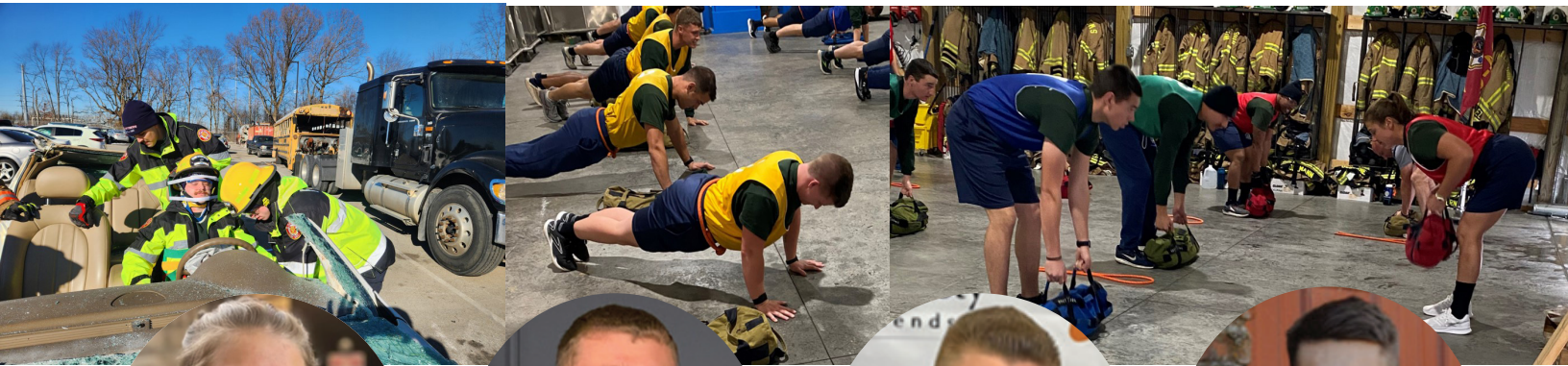


**FREE House Watch while you are away**  
Visit our City website to sign up for a house watch while you are away from home.

[www.frontlineps.com/stmatthews](http://www.frontlineps.com/stmatthews)



## St. Matthews Fire & EMS Welcomes New Team Members



*Grace Tatro, EMT*



*Evan Shields, Fire*



*Allison Williams, Fire*



*Jacob Barr, Fire*

St. Matthews Fire & EMS is dedicated to serving the community with compassion, integrity and commitment through prevention, education and a professional response. We take this seriously when selecting new members of the department. Hiring individuals who embody this mission requires a complete and thorough systematic process to ensure the future of the department and citizens we serve get the best and highest-qualified individuals protecting them.

We are excited to announce the hiring of four new firefighters and three new EMTs. These individuals have successfully completed extensive training and testing and have been assigned to response units within the district.

The fire recruits trained alongside Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS recruits in a joint recruit class that started in July 2024. During the training, the four recruits worked countless hours perfecting their abilities to help serve the St. Matthews community immediately upon graduating.

The quality of these four was evident from the beginning of the recruit class, as each one quickly rose to a leadership level. All

four recruits remained in the top 10% of the class in both academics and physical abilities. St. Matthews Fire & EMS recruit Allison Williams was awarded the prestigious "Gold Badge" award, which is given to the recruit who ranks highest in class.

The EMS recruits attended the first-ever St. Matthews Fire & EMS recruit training class run by Major Joe Prather. These three individuals spent numerous hours covering the importance of emergency care and being tested to ensure their abilities met or exceeded the expectations for caring for those we will respond to within our community. St. Matthews Fire & EMS has always been held in the highest regard within the medical community, and these three individuals have proven themselves to be among the best while training and participating with our seasoned veterans.

Please welcome firefighter Allison Williams, firefighter Evan Shields, firefighter Jacob Barr, firefighter Grace Tatro, EMT William Mottley, EMT Zachary Hall and EMT William Joye to the St. Matthews Fire & EMS family. If you are near one of the stations, stop in and say hello to our new family members.



*Zachary Hall, EMT*



*William Joye, EMT*



*William Mottley, EMT*

# St. Matthews Team Highlights

## Kylie Newby, Human Resources



As the Human Resources generalist for the City of St. Matthews, Kylie Newby brings diverse HR expertise to her role. A Louisville

native and former college volleyball player, Kylie graduated from Indiana State University with a degree in human resource management and holds an additional certificate from Cornell.

“Being able to directly interact with employees across different departments – from police officers to public works staff and City Council – is the best part of my job,” Kylie shares. Kylie was inspired by her father to enter this field.

Outside of work, Kylie enjoys traveling, crafting, photography, videography, and building Legos, which include a recent cherry blossom and typewriter set. With just four months with the city, she remains excited about growing in her position and serving the St. Matthews community.

## Kainan Hupp, Public Works



Kainan Hupp joined the Public Works Department just over six months ago, bringing skills in pressure washing, cleaning, and drywall from

his previous role at Hydro Solutions. Though his official title might be “laborer,” Kainan’s daily responsibilities vary widely as he pitches in wherever help is needed across the department.

Kainan is studying elementary education at Indiana University Southeast while working full-time. His passion for working with children extends beyond academics—he currently coaches 5th and 6th grade basketball in a recreational league.

When he’s not working or studying, Kainan enjoys listening to music, thrifting, flying drones and following his favorite sports teams, the Denver Nuggets and the Louisville Cardinals. His versatility and dedication make him a valuable addition to our city team.

## Molly Dentinger, Police



Molly Dentinger recently joined the St. Matthews Police Department as Evidence and Property Room Manager, bringing a wealth of experience to the

role. A former Louisville Metro Police officer with nearly 10 years of service as an officer, training officer, and detective, Molly specialized in crisis intervention and domestic violence cases.

Molly worked for 10 years as a McKinney-Vento homeless liaison at Eminence Independent Schools while raising her twins, who are now 20 and studying aviation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,

Now processing evidence and maintaining chain of custody at SMPD, Molly has also been named secretary of Kentucky’s newly forming property and evidence management association. She lives on a 22-acre farm in Shelbyville with her husband of 27 years, Mike, who is also a retired police officer.

## Easy Being Green

### Particle Pollution – How can you help?

Particle pollution poses a growing, deadly threat to public health nationwide. Daily exposure can be fatal, with research linking long-term exposure to serious health effects throughout life.

#### What is Particle Pollution?

Particle pollution refers to a mixture of tiny bits of solids and liquids in the air we breathe. Sources such as factories, power plants, and diesel & gasoline powered vehicles and equipment either directly emit fine particles or generate other pollutants, such as nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides. Known as precursors, they can form into fine particles in the atmosphere. Other sources of particle pollution include wildfires, wood burning

stoves, residential fireplaces and burning biomass for electricity.

#### How can you help reduce Particle Pollution?

##### Indoors

- Change furnace filters frequently.
- Only burn wood in fireplaces using seasoned wood & a certified stove.
- Consider using an air purifier with a HEPA filter.
- Choose energy-efficient appliances and electronics.

##### Outdoors

- Use electric lawn equipment when possible.
- Plant trees and shrubs to help filter air.



- Bike or walk for short distances.
- Ensure your car is properly maintained and tuned, and limit unnecessary car trips.
- Turn off your engine when idling.
- Carpool or use public transportation whenever possible.

Source: American Lung Association



## The Chamber St. Matthews Unveils Branding Identity

The Chamber St. Matthews has launched a refreshed look and identity reflecting its core values of community, connection, and family. The rebranding includes a new logo, color palette, typography, and an updated website. The timing is especially significant as the Chamber will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2025.

"As we celebrate our 70th anniversary in 2025, we felt this was the perfect time to refresh our brand," said Josh Suiter, CEO of The Chamber. "This new identity reflects our ongoing commitment to being a hub of opportunity, education, and support for our members and the broader community."

"Our refreshed brand identity better reflects who we are and what we strive to achieve every day," Suiter added. "It gives us a vibrant new look that underscores our mission of driving growth and opportunity."

The Chamber has also launched a revamped website at [www.thechamberstmatthews.com](http://www.thechamberstmatthews.com) designed to connect members with the tools and resources they need to thrive.

During the Annual Meeting, City of St. Matthews Administration employee Pam Topping received the Community Service award. Pam works as a Property Tax Specialist for the city, administering the billing and receipts of residential and commercial taxes within the city boundaries.



Pam Topping, shown center above, receives the Community Service award at the Annual Meeting of The Chamber St. Matthews.

## Park Place

Spring is here, so plan on visiting each of our city parks: Brown Park, Community Park, Draut Park and Warwick Park to see the unique features that each has to offer.

Be a good park visitor. Please only leave a footprint behind. Dispose of trash properly. Maybe even pick up any trash you see during your visit.

Keep pets on a leash and pick up after your pet.

Obey park rules regarding bicycles and respect pedestrians who are walking through the parks.

Ducks in Brown and Draut Parks: If you choose to feed the wildlife, i.e., ducks, please use only appropriate food, or purchase duck food at Brown Park from the dispenser. All money collected in the dispenser goes directly to purchase more duck food.

Respect the amenities provided for everyone's pleasure in our city parks.





## St. Matthews Mayor Arthur K. Draut: A Life of Service



Arthur K. Draut (1924-2014) was a distinguished United States Naval officer, educator, and elected official who dedicated 38 years to public service in St. Matthews, Kentucky—serving 16 years as City Councilman and 22 years as the city's third Mayor.

Born in Louisville as a fourth-generation Louisvillian to Walter and

Louise (Kammerer) Draut, he graduated from DuPont Manual High School in 1942. Upon graduation, Draut joined the U.S. Navy, serving as a radioman aboard the USS Wright during World War II military campaigns in the South Pacific. The Navy recalled him for a three-year tour during the Korean War in 1950. He ultimately retired from the Naval Reserves in 1968 at the rank of Full Commander after 26 years of service.

In his civilian life, Draut married Patricia Epperson in 1949, and together they raised three sons in St. Matthews. After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville, he began teaching at Eastern High School before transferring to the newly opened Waggener High School in St. Matthews in 1954. His educational career flourished there as he progressed from Dean of Students to Assistant Principal (1959) and finally Principal (1968). Under his leadership and supported by an exceptional teaching staff, Waggener High achieved national academic recognition. Students remembered him as a firm but fair leader deeply invested in their success. Draut retired from education in 1983 after 29 years of service.

While still active in education, Draut entered politics in 1978 as a St. Matthews City Councilman. In 1984, his fellow councilmen appointed him Mayor following the death of Bernard F. Bowling, Sr. He served as Mayor for 22 years until 2007, when he returned to the city council for an additional eight years before retiring in 2014 at age 90.

In 1986, Draut helped establish an occupational tax that significantly increased city revenues, enabling St. Matthews to hire additional police officers, upgrade employee pensions, enhance city services, expand parks and amenities, computerize city records, and purchase the historic Greathouse School building for use as the current City Hall.

During his tenure as an elected official, St. Matthews saw remarkable development, including:

- Creation of five public parks.
- Implementation of a comprehensive drainage improvement plan.
- Initiation of sidewalk replacement and construction programs throughout the city.
- Installation of street lights for neighborhood safety.
- Launch of a tree planting program to enhance the city's tree canopy.
- Upgrading of the St. Matthews community center building, now named The Arterburn.

In recognition of his contributions, the city dedicated a 24.4-acre wetland park on Bowling Boulevard to Arthur K. Draut in 1994. The park, featuring stone benches, walking paths, and the historic middle fork of Beargrass Creek. This park commemorates his enduring legacy of public service and commitment to our community.

### 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/>**



### GREEN UP!

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: 502-899-2517

## St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

### Adult Programs

**Adult Board Game Night**  
**Thursdays, May 1 and June 5**

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+



**Intro to Writing Workshop**  
**Wednesday, May 21**

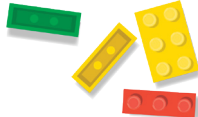
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

With Samantha Perkins, author and TEDx speaker, to learn how to make progress toward writing goals, and develop a system that will help you become the writer of your dreams.

**The Great Lego Race**  
**Wednesday, June 18**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Adults will race to build Lego creations to the best of their abilities within a set time limit. Two person teams encouraged. Sign-up required. Please call 574-1771 to sign up.



**St. Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale**

**Friday, June 20**

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Saturday, June 21**

10:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Sunday, June 22**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Drop by to check out some fantastic bargains. All proceeds benefit the St. Matthews Friends of the Library. Cash only. Exact change is appreciated.



**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 15**

10 am – 11:30 am

Join our Friends and learn how to support the Library.

**Computer Help By Appointment**

Please call 574-1771 to set up an appointment with a library staff member to answer your computer questions.

### For Adults & Teens

**D&D at the Library presents:**  
**Dungeon Mastery 101, Ages 16+**  
**Wednesday, May 7**

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Apprentice dungeon masters wanted! Join us for a classic “dungeon crawl” and try your hand at leading a game of Dungeons & Dragons, coached by experienced DMs in a supportive group.

**D&D at the Library, Ages 16+**  
**Thursdays, May 22 and June 12**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

New adventurers wanted! Learn the basics of Dungeons & Dragons and other tabletop role-playing games at the library.

**KHEAA: Your Map to College**  
**Thursday, June 5**

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

This workshop encourages middle school students to set their sights on education after high school. Students will discuss career options and what they can do to earn scholarship funds to help pay for college. Ages 12-14.

**How to Make Art for Video Games**  
**Ages 16+**

**Saturday, June 14**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Learn from game designer and artist Kurt Taylor as he demystifies the artistry of video games. Made possible by Louisville Makes Games.

**Lafayette: A Presentation with Sue Rogers, Ages 16+**

**Monday July 21**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Please join us for a presentation on Lafayette with Sue Rogers from the American Friends of Lafayette.

### For Kids

**Family Movie Nights**

**Thursday, May 29: Lilo and Stitch**

**Thursday, June 26: National Treasure**

Room opens @ 6:15 pm

Movie starts @ 6:30 pm

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



**Pint Size Playdate**

**Saturdays, June 7 and July 5**

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Pint-Size Playdate is a chance to meet new families and enjoy social playtime.

Toys provided! Ages 0-5.



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



**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.

# Code Words

## Be aware of noise levels

As the weather warms up, backyard barbecues, outdoor sports, and excited pets may increase the noise level in the community. Please ensure that your outdoor fun does not infringe on the right of your neighbor to enjoy reading a book with their windows open. Also, be aware that loud vehicle noises can also create a nuisance. Show that you care about your neighbors, by being aware of your noise level.

## Use fireworks lawfully and safely

Though it is lawful to use some fireworks in the City of St. Matthews, that right comes with carefully planned

guidelines to prevent endangerment to persons and property. City Ordinance 11 04, Section 1 details the type of fireworks that may be set off in St. Matthews. Section 5 of the Ordinance stipulates: "It shall be unlawful in the City of St. Matthews for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to use or detonate fireworks on private property in such a manner as to create a circumstance of wanton endangerment or disorderly conduct." It further stipulates that these fireworks must be consumer-grade, not display fireworks, such as those found at Thunder Over Louisville. To learn exactly which consumer fireworks may be detonated



on private property, look at § 93.35, Section 1 under Ordinances on the City website. The type of fireworks that may be detonated on public property is further listed in Section 5 (2).

## 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

Jan: No Recipient

Feb: Ford family, Wendover

March: Megan McCoy, Cornell Place



*Outstanding Neighbors pictured top to bottom: the Ford family, Megan McCoy*

## Good Neighboring

### Mowing

With warmer weather comes grass mowing. When cutting grass, don't blow clippings into a neighbor's yard or the street. Remember to mow grass alleys and keep them clear so emergency workers can access utility poles. Keeping alleys cleaned out also prevents thieves or assailants from hiding there. Mowing them promotes good drainage and keeps down the rodent population.

### Pet peeves

When you take your pet for a walk, remember that it must be on a leash and that St. Matthews prohibits electric collars as a substitute. Also remember to take a baggie along to pick up after your pet and dispose of those baggies in your own trash container or a public container only. Barking dogs can be another pet peeve. Allow your neighbors the peace they deserve and keep your dog quiet – especially after hours.

### Slow down and keep clear

Spring and summer weather means more people, including children, will be outdoors. To do your part in keeping the neighborhood safe, be careful to note speed limit signs. Also, keep debris and vehicles from blocking sidewalks. Pedestrians need a safe place to walk without fear of tripping or being forced into the street.



Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

## Completed Projects

- Sediment was removed from Weicher Creek in Dupont area.
- Removed garbage along the stream in Community Center Park and Draut Park.
- Repaired water damage in the concession stand at Community Park due to a water line bursting.
- Foliage cleared in the rear undeveloped alleys in the Warwick neighborhood; please remember that residents are responsible for the property in the front and rear of their properties.
- Snow and ice treatment following multiple winter storms.
- Repaired numerous potholes as a result of winter weather conditions.
- Began mulching, weeding, and planting in all landscape beds around City Hall, parks, and common areas.

## Current Projects

- Annual tree planting program, estimated to plant 125 new trees to increase the city's tree canopy.
- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch Project is under construction. Project completion scheduled for June 30, 2025.
- Phased street sign replacement project is ongoing.
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park Project expected to start late spring; delays due to permits. This will be phased construction that will last a year. Sections of the park are expected to be closed.
- Exterior improvements to The Arterburn. Construction underway.



- New restroom at Community Park near McCandless Field. Construction begins spring of 2025.
- Alley improvements between Massie and Gilman in design. Construction to begin late spring of 2025.
- Electric improvements at Brown Park in design. Construction to begin in July 2025.

## Future Projects

- Electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall and Library parking lots.
- Design of Phase II & III of Warwick Park improvements (new walking track, additional parking, updated pavilion and plaza, new playground and additional restroom).

## The Arterburn: St. Matthews' Premier Event Space

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Tim Holland

Sarah Landes

Mary Jo Nay

Amy Olson

Jackie 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).

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## Be A Good Neighbor!

- Keep your pet on a leash  
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## Government Access

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Police Department: (502) 893-9000

City Engineer: (502) 899-2518

Public Works: (502) 899-2517

Property Taxes: (502) 899-2511

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## Emergency: 911

Reminder: All of our city parks  
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