



St. Matthews Living

August 2026

SEPTEMBER 26 5-9 PM GEE BEES TRIBUTE BAND AND CORRIDOR 64



MaryMary Rescheduled for August 1!

Live Music in Brown Park on August 1 and September 26!

Join us on Saturday, August 1, from 5–9 p.m. EST for a rockin' good time featuring the one and only MaryMary, Louisville's own high-energy rock-n-roll cover band that's been shaking stages since 1991. MaryMary will play the songs that get you up and dancing!

On September 26 from 5–9 p.m. EST you are in for a rockin' good time featuring music by the Gee Bees Tribute Band and Corridor 64!

The Gee Bees are known for their authentic recreations of the Bee Gees' greatest hits, including the disco classics "Stayin' Alive" and "You Should Be Dancing."

Corridor 64, featuring St. Matthews Police Chief, Barry Wilkerson on drums, plays cover

songs from the '70s to the present, and a wide variety of genres ranging from pop to country to classic rock. You may have seen them at venues around town which include Joe's Older Than Dirt, Derby City Gaming and local bars. Chief Wilkerson, who has been playing drums since he was 7 years old, shared that it is always enjoyable to play in front of people you know.

Grab your lawn chairs, and come out on August 1 and September 26 for an evening of fun music with **food trucks, a beer garden, and activities!** Pull up a spot on the hillside — **free and open to all.**

“

It's going to be just really nice toe-tapping, knee-slapping music that makes you smile while seeing neighbors and friends—and you'll see people you know playing music.”

— Mayor Rick Tonini

A Message From...

Take Advantage of the St. Matthews Tax Discount

St. Matthews property tax bills will be mailed to homeowners or their mortgage companies October 1. Taxpayers can receive a substantial discount if bills are paid or postmarked by October 31. In 2025, the City Council approved a 40% discount; the 2026 discount has not yet been set. Homeowners should verify with their mortgage companies that the bill will be paid by the October 31 deadline to receive this discount.

Save Time — Pay Online

The City of St. Matthews offers online

payment for property taxes, business licenses and occupational taxes. Visit the city website and click "Pay Online" in the blue bar at the top of the home page. A customer how-to video is also available. To pay property taxes, enter your property address, tax bill number or PIDN from your tax bill — no account registration required.

Make Sure Your Taxes Work for You

Verify that St. Matthews receives its proper share of the insurance taxes you pay. All policies crediting St. Matthews carry City code 0463. Because policies

are coded by zip code, some St. Matthews residents may be incorrectly assigned to Metro Louisville (0001) or Lyndon (0080). Any money paid in error can be recovered retroactively. The code typically does not appear on homeowner policy copies — check the Municipal Taxes/Collection section of your policy to confirm St. Matthews is designated. If it isn't, or you're unsure, contact your agent. Your tax dollars should be used for your direct benefit.

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

Top photo:

April: Joe Burket, Gloucester Road

Bottom photo:

May: Shawn Hensley and Allison Strickland, Winchester Road



St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM)
Located at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 319 Browns Lane.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 5: Kickback Day at Ken Combs Running Store, 4137 Shelbyville Road — 10% of sales benefit St. MAM.

Sept. 1: Benefit Dinner & Trivia Night at Tin Roof, 3921 Shelbyville Road — 10% of sales benefit St. MAM. Trivia starts at 6:30 p.m. EST; teams of up to six. Contact nickimurphy@stmam.com to reserve a spot.

Sept. 10: Give for Good Louisville — Donate at giveforgoodlouisville.org/organization/stmam to help reach St. MAM's \$10,000 goal.

Support Any Time

Donate at stmam.com or drop off nonperishable food, personal care supplies, infant/toddler items or senior care supplies at Independence Bank, Tin Roof, Ken Combs Running Store or St. Matthews Baseball concession stands.

Follow St. MAM on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, and sign up for their newsletter at stmam.com.

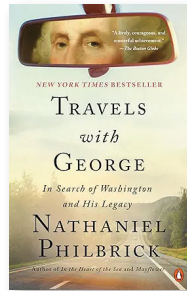
The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

Alexander Hamilton Historical Society meetings are the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. EST. They are held in-person at the Masonic Home, 3701 Frankfort Avenue; Artisan Room in the Meadow building; parking is easy. For more information visit <https://ahhsky.wixsite.com/ahhs-ky>.

Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

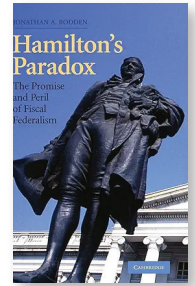
August 15

Joseph Cecil, Office of Social Services, Louisville Metro Government, will review Nathaniel Philbrick's *Travels With George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy*.



September 19

Mat Hanka, Professor of Political Science, University of Southern Indiana, will review *Hamilton's Paradox: The Promise and Peril of Federalism* by Jonathan A. Rodden.



October 17

AHHS will present a viewing of parts of Ken Burns' documentary *The Revolutionary War*. A discussion with questions will follow, led by Richard Werking, Professor of History Emeritus, United States Naval Academy.



Get Spooked (in the Best Way!) at Halloween in Brown Park!

Saturday, October 17 (rain or shine)

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST

Corner of Kresge Way & Browns Lane

Halloween in Brown Park offers four hours of family activities, including:

- Games, inflatables and hayrides
- Food and drink available to support a local nonprofit
- Trick-or-Treat begins at 11:30 a.m. EST at the duck bridge along Browns Lane.
- There will be over 60 stops along the trail.

Presented by The Chamber St. Matthews and the City of St. Matthews.



Maggie Harlow at Inspire

Wednesday, October 28

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 am EST

Louisville Botanical Gardens

The Chamber St. Matthews is excited to welcome Maggie Harlow as the featured speaker for an upcoming Inspire session. Inspire is designed to bring together women from across the community to share their journey. Whether they have been met with challenges personally or professionally, by our speakers sharing their stories, you understand you are not alone when faced with challenges.

Tickets are required, Space is limited
Contact The Chamber St. Matthews
at 502-899-2523.

National Night Out: Building a Safer Community Together

St. Matthews Community Park

Tuesday, August 4

6:30–8:30 pm EST

310 Ten Pin Lane (behind Ten Pin Bowling)



Join us on August 4th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST at St. Matthews Community Park for this year's National Night Out — a nationwide event that brings residents and law enforcement together to strengthen community partnerships and promote crime prevention.

National Night Out is more than just an event — it's an opportunity to build relationships, increase awareness, and work together toward a safer community.

Why It Matters in St. Matthews

With property crime making up the majority of local incidents, strong community connections are one of the most effective tools we have.

Events like National Night Out:

- Increase communication between residents and police.
- Help neighbors get to know one another.

- Strengthen awareness of crime prevention strategies.
- Communities that stay connected and engaged consistently experience lower crime rates.

What You'll See at This Year's Event

- Police and emergency services demonstrations.
- Interactive safety exhibits.
- Community organizations and resources.
- Family-friendly activities and prizes.

Be Part of the Solution

Crime prevention starts with awareness and community involvement. National Night Out is a great opportunity to meet your St. Matthews officers, ask questions, and learn how to better protect yourself and your neighborhood.

We encourage all residents to attend and take an active role in keeping St. Matthews safe. We look forward to seeing you there!



Congratulations to Trinity High School Lacrosse Rocks for their 2026 State Championship

On May 20, Trinity's varsity lacrosse team defeated St. Xavier in an "instant classic" state championship game at Great Crossing High School, in Georgetown, KY. Tied 8-8 with only seconds remaining, Trinity scored the go-ahead goal and captured the program's third straight state championship!

Walkability Study Update

A public meeting was held on June 1 at The Arterburn in St. Matthews to allow all interested persons the opportunity to learn about the preliminary findings from the walkability study, which had been identified by engineers with HDR Engineering. An initial public meeting was held on March 3 to give the community the opportunity to discuss their concerns and share ideas related to pedestrian accessibility throughout St. Matthews.



At the June meeting, the HDR engineers, who completed an assessment of the city and compiled results of the public survey, presented displays of various methods that could be implemented — both short-term and long-term proposals — to make walkability in St. Matthews more ADA compliant and pedestrian friendly. They will now take the additional information from the June meeting and produce a document specifically outlining proposed projects that the City may implement over the next several years.

Understanding Crime Trends in St. Matthews: How You Can Stay Safe

As we move through the summer months, it's important for residents to stay informed about local and national crime trends. Warmer weather typically brings increased activity in neighborhoods, shopping areas, and parks — and with that, an uptick in certain types of crime.

Local Crime Snapshot

According to recent FBI-based reporting, St. Matthews experienced approximately:

- 1,399 total reported crimes in the most recent year.
- 34 violent crimes, which remains relatively low.
- 1,365 property crimes, making up the vast majority of incidents.

Property crime accounts for over 98% of all crime in our city, with theft — especially from vehicles — being the most common offense.

Residents should know:

- Your chance of being a victim of violent crime is low (about 1 in 700).
- Your chance of being a victim of property crime is much higher (about 1 in 20).

Like many suburban communities with strong retail and commercial areas, St. Matthews sees higher rates of theft-related incidents compared to violent crime.

Statewide Trends

Across Kentucky, crime trends are improving in several areas:

- Violent crime decreased approximately 6–7% from 2023 to 2024.
- Overall serious crime dropped nearly 8% statewide.

However, property crime — especially theft and vehicle-related offenses — remains the most common issue statewide as well.

What This Means for Residents

The majority of crimes in our community are crimes of opportunity, meaning they are preventable. Simple habits can significantly reduce your risk:

- Lock your vehicle every time, even at home.
- Remove valuables or keep them out of sight.
- Close garage doors, especially overnight.
- Use exterior or motion-sensor lighting.
- Be alert to scams — never provide personal or financial information without verifying the source.
- Monitor deliveries and retrieve packages promptly.



Community Partnership Matters

Public safety is strongest when residents and police work together. Reporting suspicious activity, staying aware of your surroundings, and practicing basic prevention steps make a real difference. Our officers remain committed to proactive policing and community engagement. With your help, St. Matthews continues to be a safe and desirable place to live, work, and visit.

To visit the St. Matthews Police Department website, scan the QR code.



Good Neighboring

House Numbers

Make sure that your house number can be located easily, and the numbers are large enough to be clearly read from the street. Help first responders locate you quickly in an emergency.



Keep catch basins clear

Keep catch basins clear of debris and leaves to prevent flooding of sidewalks and roadways.

Remove your signs

If you post a temporary sign as a notice for a yard sale or regarding a lost pet, please remove the signs as soon as possible. Signs clutter the environment, hinder pole accessibility by utility workers, and are actually illegal.

St. Matthews Team Highlights

Ron Webb, Public Works



Ron Webb is a dedicated maintenance worker for the City of St. Matthews Public Works Department. With a background in running his own remodeling business that included framing, room additions, decks, and fences, Ron brought a wealth of hands-on skills when he first joined the City. After working for the City for four years, he stepped away to care for his wife during an illness. Ron returned approximately six months ago and hasn't slowed down since.

Ron's days are anything but routine. From electrical work and plumbing to drywall, painting, and fence repair, he handles a wide range of tasks across the City. He currently serves as the primary caretaker of the Arterburn while also filling in at City Hall following a colleague's retirement. When storms roll through, Ron is out cutting trees and hauling debris. Working for St. Matthews is a family affair—his brother also works for the City, and Ron says the rest of the St. Matthews staff is just like family.

Ron lives in Brooks, Kentucky, with his wife. Together they have five daughters and eleven grandchildren, who bring him as much joy as a hard day's work.

Matt Cheser, Police



Matt Cheser has served the St. Matthews Police Department since April 2017, bringing nearly a decade of law enforcement experience to his role as detective. One of seven detectives on the force, Officer Cheser investigates crimes ranging from misdemeanors to felonies — reviewing reports, conducting interviews, and representing the department in Jefferson County court several times a week.

Before joining St. Matthews, Officer Cheser served with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, including a stint with the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force. Interestingly, law enforcement was actually his second career. He spent 12 years as a licensed plumber before the 2008 recession prompted a career change — one inspired by a family legacy in law enforcement through his father and uncle.

Officer Cheser is married and has a son who plays football at his school. He also has a grown daughter and five grandchildren. He counts closing a case and bringing peace of mind to families as the most rewarding part of the job.



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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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 Fire & EMS Enhances Training with Advanced Simulation Technology

The team at St. Matthews Fire & EMS is committed to being the best in the business, and their training division has recently taken another step forward to ensure that goal is met. They have acquired the SimMan-ALS from Laerdal, an advanced, lifelike training manikin that brings unprecedented realism to emergency response training.

The SimMan-ALS can simulate a pulse and blood pressure, display cardiac rhythms on an EKG, breathe independently, and even be intubated. It is also capable of speaking to providers during training scenarios, allowing crews to practice not only technical skills but also patient communication and decision-making in real time.

Affectionately nicknamed "Michael" in honor of EMS Chief Mike Riordan, the manikin has already been put to heavy use, logging more than 50 hours of hands-on training and skills evaluations in just the past month.



During these sessions, teams of EMS providers and firefighters work through high-intensity, real-world scenarios designed to challenge and refine their skills.

As Training Officer Major Dwayne Davis emphasizes, "Don't train until you get it right — train until you can't get it wrong." This philosophy guides every exercise, ensuring crews are prepared to respond when it matters most.

Whether responding to cardiac arrest, stroke, traumatic injuries, or everyday calls for assistance, the members of St. Matthews Fire & EMS are highly trained and ready to serve both their community and the broader Jefferson County area. While "Michael" may be early in his career, he is already proving to be a valuable asset in preparing responders to deliver the highest level of care.

Above and left: "Michael," the training manikin that St. Matthews Fire & EMS is now using for emergency preparedness training.

Fire Safety Tips

As temperatures begin to drop, St. Matthews Fire & EMS encourages residents to take a few simple steps to stay safe this fall:

- **Check smoke alarms:** Test alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year. Ensure there is a working alarm on every level of your home.
- **Use heating equipment safely:** Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, and never leave them unattended.
- **Inspect furnaces and fireplaces:** Have heating systems serviced annually, and ensure chimneys are cleaned and in good condition before use.
- **Practice safe cooking habits:** Fall gatherings often mean more time in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended, especially when using stovetops or ovens.
- **Be mindful of fall decorations:** Keep candles away from decorations, and consider using battery-operated candles as a safer alternative.



- **Clear leaves and debris:** Dry leaves can be highly flammable — keep them away from structures, grills, and fire pits.
- **Plan for emergencies:** Make sure your family has a home fire escape plan and practices it regularly.
- **Avoid electrical hazards:** Misuse of extension cords and overloaded outlets is a common cause of home fires. These practices can overheat wiring and ignite fires behind walls or in other concealed areas.

Don't be a victim of a fire. Be Aware – Be Prepared.

Solicitation requires a certificate

Solicitors in St. Matthews must register with the City (Code of Ordinances §116.26) — there is no blanket business certificate. Each solicitor must already hold a Jefferson County Clerk or Louisville Metro certificate. To apply, they must submit a copy along with a photo, and pay a \$5 fee. Exempt groups include charitable/civic organizations, religious organizations, educational

institutions, and student/PTA groups — though roadside charitable solicitors are not exempt.

This ordinance protects residents from individuals who may use solicitation as a cover for criminal activity. Soliciting is prohibited before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m. EST, all day Sunday, and on state/national holidays. “No Solicitation” signs must be

respected, and you may ask any solicitor to leave at any time.

Always ask to see a solicitor’s St. Matthews certificate. If they lack one or it’s invalid, call the St. Matthews Police Department at 893-9000. Let an officer confirm their legitimacy and their need of a St. Matthews certificate.

Hometown History—Shelbyville Road – “one of the most important roads in the whole State”

The Ohio River’s flood of the century (in 1937) forces residents of the West End to flee to high ground, many never to return to the flood plain. St. Matthews was inviting, on high ground, and its air was clean.

Governor A. B. “Happy” Chandler and local officials (including Dr. James E. Winter representing the St. Matthews board of trustees) congregated at Eight-Mile House on 24 June 1937 to mark the beginning of construction “on Louisville’s new gateway”. Chandler told the crowd that Jefferson County had been “stepchildren all these years... promised roads time and time again.” “To my knowledge,” he pointed out, “this road here, your gateway to the Bluegrass, was surveyed eleven or twelve years ago. It is one of the most important roads in the whole State yet it has been like a duck’s back all the way from Louisville to Lexington.” Two twenty-foot traffic pavements of reinforced concrete, divided by a twelve-foot, landscaped median, with eight-foot shoulders, sloped to the inside, with crossovers every 800 feet, would extend 6.5 miles from Louisville city limits and cost a half million dollars.

Happy Chandler returned on 16 July 1938 to kick off his U.S. Senatorial nomination campaign against Albert Barkley in Jefferson County. He spoke from the front porch of Dr. F. M. Roth’s home at 104 Browns Lane. A huge crowd had amassed, but many were there to witness the dedication of the new divided highway to Middletown and beyond. Various events were staged, and the celebration went well into the evening.

Shelbyville Road had been improved by a Republican county administration back in 1918, but it was still merely one lane each way and highly crowned.

At the end of 1929, *The Courier-Journal* was calling for replacement of “the Midland Trail, or U.S. 60, commonly called Shelbyville Road. This dangerous, high-crowned, uneven, surface-treated macadam road” carried the most traffic of any road in the state.



Standing on the Interurban Tracks at Meridan Avenue, looking west on Shelbyville Road, with Plehn’s Bakery at the left, October 1933. Caufield and Shook collection 129339, University of Louisville Photographic Archives.

Taking advantage of the favorable publicity the new road generated, James Speed brought out a booklet, *St. Matthews Makes Its Bow*, complete with advertisements and photographs of many business enterprises. In his introduction, Speed wrote: “The big, new highway, which is now the Broadway of St. Matthews, typifies the progressive spirit of this unusual suburb... In spite of the heavy traffic on the plainly marked lanes, it is a pleasant and comfortable place in which to transact business. With cars parked vertically to the sidewalk, they move in or out easily and safely. No vacant stores stare gloomily at the passerby in St. Matthews. For rent signs are almost unknown as business is thriving. Even the offices for professional men above the stores are comfortably filled.”

Taken from the book: *St. Matthews – The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas

St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

St. Matthews Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday, Sept 18, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST
 Sat., Sept 19, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST
 Sun., Sept 20, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
 Cash only; Exact change is appreciated.

Adult Programs

Adult Board Game Night

Thursday, Aug. 6
 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST
 Learn to play board games from our circulating collection or bring your own games to play with others. Ages 18+



Louisville Miniature Club

Friday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Aug. 8
 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST
 Sunday, Aug. 9
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
 A beautiful collection of dollhouses and room boxes will be on display.

D&D at the Library

Thursday, Aug. 20
 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST
 Learn the basics of Dungeons &

Dragons and other tabletop role-playing games at the library. Ages 16+

For Children and Families:

Weekly Storytimes

Wednesdays:
 10:15 a.m. EST Baby Storytime
 11:15 a.m. EST Toddler Storytime
 Thursdays:
 10:15 a.m. EST Preschool Storytime
 11:15 a.m. EST Family Storytime

Family Playdate Summer Reading Finale!

Saturday, Aug. 1
 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EST
 Join us for a family playdate to celebrate the end of summer reading with games, activities and refreshments!

WAGS: Read With a Dog!

Saturday, Aug. 29
 11:00 a.m. – noon EST
 Read to a licensed therapy dog from WAGS — Wonderful Animals Giving Service. All reading levels are welcome. Reading times are limited to 15 minutes



per child/family. Space is limited; registration required. Call 502-574-1771 to register.



Family Movie Night

Thursdays, Aug. 27, Sept. 24 and Oct. 29
 Doors open at 5:45 p.m. EST
 Movie starts at 6:00 p.m. EST
 Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged.

Pint-Size Playdate

Saturdays, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3
 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EST
 Pint-Size Playdate is a chance to meet new families and enjoy social playtime. Toys provided! Ages 0-5. Coffee available

Holiday Closures:

Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 7



Leaf Collection Program

St. Matthews' leaf collection program will begin generally the first week of November, depending on the amount of leaves that have fallen. Notification signs will be posted in each area one week prior to pickup. Residents should have leaves out by Monday of their collection week. A route schedule will be posted on the City website once the 2026 plan is confirmed.

To participate, rake leaves to the street edge at the front of your property. Do not place leaves in the street, cover catch basin drains or fill drainage ditches, as this can cause drainage backups during rain. Do not cover concrete items, such as pyramids placed in the right of way, as they can damage vacuum equipment.

Crews will collect leaves using a vacuum system. Each area is scheduled for one pass; a second sweep may occur if time and weather permit.

Leaves may also be disposed of during regularly scheduled garbage collection but must be in biodegradable paper bags, compostable plastic bags or containers marked "Yard



Waste Only." Do not mix garbage and yard waste, as they are collected by separate trucks. Free yard waste stickers for designated reusable containers are available at St. Matthews City Hall during regular business hours.

GET GREEN

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.

New Logo for The Arterburn

The City of St. Matthews has a new logo for our wonderful rental facility, the Arterburn. Designer Sharon Handy, who many years ago designed the current City logo, has created an outstanding Arterburn logo with variations for use in numerous applications. The goal of the City is to rebrand our beautiful Arterburn with an identity as unique as this venue is to our community.



stream. The park is officially closed, but the contractor, MTM Construction, has agreed to allow the public to visit as long as visitors remain mindful of the signs and barricades designating the construction zone. This is for public safety and the safety of the project workers.

Warwick Park Phases II and III

A bid opening was held July 7 for the project. The contractor has been gearing up, obtaining the necessary permits and installing the required erosion control measures. This project encompasses improvements to the entire southern section of the park, including new and improved walking paths, a larger pavilion, additional parking, a new playground for all ages, a new public restroom, underground detention and regrading of the playing field. Construction will last through spring 2027.

Draut Park Stream Stabilization Project

Work is progressing well. The project entails installing large boulders along the base of the stream to reduce erosion and fortify the banks. It also will remove silt and invasive vegetation from the overflow basin, which is designed to hold excess water during large rain events to reduce flooding. The construction zone will gradually progress down the



Easy Being Green

Bicycle Recycling — Changing Lives

Do you have an unneeded bicycle collecting dust in your garage? Beargrass Christian Church's Pedal Power program wants to refurbish donated bikes as reliable transportation for individuals in need.

Established nearly 14 years ago, Pedal Power began as an outreach mission to support refugees acclimating to life in Louisville. The program now distributes an average of 850 bikes per year to organizations including Refugee Ministries, 12 Community Ministries, Prison Resettlement Services, the Greater Louisville YMCA and Jefferson County Public Schools.

Nearly 20 volunteer mechanics restore donated bicycles, which are then forwarded to agencies for distribution. Bicycles are no longer distributed directly from the church; those seeking a bike should contact one of the area agencies listed.

Pedal Power accepts bikes of all types and sizes, as well as parts such as tires, chains, seats, pedals and wheels. "We use every part we can to restore these bicycles to a safe and usable condition," said Bob Callander, who has been with the program since its inception.

To donate a bicycle or parts, drop them off daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST at the bike rack at the rear of the church. After-hours donations may not

be secure, and the program cannot pick up individual donations.

Volunteers with bicycle repair experience are welcome. Workdays are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon EST in the garage at the rear of the church at 4100 Shelbyville Road.

Monetary donations are also accepted at the church office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, or by mail payable to Beargrass Christian Church with "Pedal Power" noted on the check.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Bob Callander at 502-296-2800 or callbob77@gmail.com. As Pedal Power says, "Together, we're making a difference — one bike at a time."

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

Completed Projects

- Planted 125 trees with the City Free Tree Planting Program for residents who requested a free tree. Several new trees were placed in our public parks.
- Cut back and removed excess foliage in the rear drainage easement of homes that failed to comply with city ordinances. Residents will be billed for this work.
- Repaired, and in some cases resurfaced, several streets in St. Matthews, including Columbia Ave., Harris Place, Lydgate Cove, Lydgate Drive, Lyndon Way, Marquette Drive, Massie Ave., Sears Ave., and Virginia Ave.
- Held a second public meeting June 1 to share information with the community about the progress of the Walkability Study. The City has hired an engineering firm to evaluate existing sidewalks, identify locations for new sidewalks and propose ways to better connect all parks and various destinations.
- Cleared vegetation within the Warwick Villa undeveloped right of ways.
- Removed weeds and replanted all landscape beds around City Hall, parks and common areas.

Current Projects

- Construction for Phases II and III of Warwick Park Improvements is underway and expected to last through spring 2027. The walking track, playground, pavilion and ballfield will be closed during this project. Pickleball courts, basketball courts and the restroom will remain open.
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park are in



phased construction that will last one year. Sections of the park will be closed through October.

- Alley improvements between Massie and Gilman are underway.
- Preparing a master plan for Community Park for possible field and playground upgrades.
- An electrical charging station will be placed near the library and in Brown Park.
- Electrical improvements throughout Brown Park.
- Phased street sign replacement project is ongoing.

Future Projects

- Replace the walking path in Draut Park.
- Implement recommendations developed from the Walkability Study.
- Install street banners throughout the city.
- Evaluate the possibility of a small amphitheater or stage at Brown Park.

Green Ad Hoc committee

The City currently has a Green Ad Hoc committee which focuses on environmental education programs and green initiatives for the city. The public is encouraged to participate in conversations on these subjects. View upcoming meeting dates and agendas, for the Green Ad Hoc committee, posted on the city website.

Free Yard Waste stickers, for your designated reusable yard waste containers, can be pick up at St. Matthews City Hall during regular business hours.



Chenoweth Lane Construction

Many residents have contacted St. Matthews Public Works with questions about the ongoing construction on Chenoweth Lane, being completed by Louisville Paving Company, from the Railroad tracks north to Brownsboro Road.

Here's what you should know:

The project will add a center turning lane from Massie Avenue south to the Railroad crossing, along with sidewalks on the west side of Chenoweth Lane to Brownsboro Road. Completion is expected by August 31, 2026.

Because Chenoweth Lane is a state road, the project falls under the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) — the City of St. Matthews has no involvement. For questions or updates, please contact the KYTC District 5 office directly at 502-210-5400.

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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

Jackie Vanetti

City Council meetings begin at
7 p.m. EST 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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