



## Forward Through Time: The Rich History of St. Matthews

As we approach the 75th anniversary of St. Matthews' incorporation on March 22, 2025, and celebrate over 260 years as a community, let's take a brief journey through time to glimpse the ways and means of our area's forefathers.

Undoubtedly, when settlers first arrived in the area, they weren't thinking of themselves as history makers. These immigrants sought only to settle in new, fertile lands to make homes and good lives for their families. However, their actions and commitment to nurturing a thriving community laid the foundation for what St. Matthews is today.

Their humble beginnings and unique ways contribute to an interesting past for those of us looking back over 260 years. Thanks to those who documented current events of their day and to history researchers

of our area over time, we can easily reflect on a selection of interesting facts throughout the years.

During the 18th century, various Native American tribes, including the Shawnee and the Iroquois, claimed the area. The region was first known simply as Beargrass.

In the early 1800s, the area was called Sale's Precinct, named after Edmund Sale, who owned a tavern near the railroad. In 1832, the Shelbyville Turnpike (now Shelbyville Road – US 60), a hard-packed gravel road, was completed. Prior to October 1, 1851, the St. Matthews Post Office had been named Lynnford.

In 1865, Gen. Sherman's Union forces were stationed in St. Matthews during the summer and fall.

Perhaps the first instance of "St. Matthews" appearing in print was in 1871 on the cover of sheet music for the song "The Fairies of St. Matthews."

In 1891, Merritt Drane surveyed the area and drew the first map.

During the early 19th century, the area held several plantations and was known as the "garden of the state."

A financial institution, Bank of St. Matthews, opened in 1906. It was heated by coal stove, lit by coal oil lamps, and supplied with water from the town pump by the roadside. The bank



Left: Loading potatoes, Right: St. Matthews Potato Exchange

was so small that its employee, G.T. Dick, stated he was the cashier, teller, bookkeeper, and janitor, all rolled into one.

The area was farmed by German and Swiss immigrants who used the railroad to market their potatoes and onions. The St. Matthews Potato Exchange in 1910 grew to become the second largest potato exchange in the world.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, the first of its kind in Kentucky, was organized in 1919.

By 1921, 13 million pounds of Irish potatoes were dispatched annually by railroad from St. Matthews to every section of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Cuba. St. Matthews was known as the Potato Capital of the World from around 1910 to 1946.

In 1925, the American Legion Zachary Taylor Post was organized here, and an auxiliary was formed in 1931. The post remains active today.

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# A Message From...

## Coming Soon—Online Payments

St. Matthews is finalizing a new service allowing online payments to the city for property taxes, permits, business licenses, and other services. The service will provide options to pay by credit card or e-check. Watch the city website, Facebook page, and Reach Alert for more information and official launch date.

## 2024-25 City Budget Passed

The City of St. Matthews has passed Ordinance #24-05, adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This budget estimates revenues and resources, and appropriates funds for city government operations, totaling \$27,202,120, with an additional \$844,200 allocated to the road fund.

The budget adequately provides for essential city services, including police, public works, administration, and IT. Additionally, it includes appropriations for capital improvements to our parks system, specifically:

- Adding and upgrading electricity within Brown Park.
- Installing additional restrooms in Community Park.
- Implementing stream bank stabilization in Draut Park.
- Completing Phase 2 & 3 upgrades at Warwick Park.

The mayor and city council of St. Matthews strive to consistently maintain high-quality services, an inclusive and inviting park system, a welcoming environment for visitors, and a splendid city for our residents.

## Take Advantage of the St. Matthews Tax Discount

St. Matthews property tax bills will be mailed to homeowners or their mortgage companies on October 1. Taxpayers can benefit from a substantial discount if these bills are paid or postmarked by October 31. In 2023, the City Council approved a generous 40% discount; however, as of this printing, the 2024 discount rate has not been set.

We urge homeowners to verify with their mortgage companies that the tax bill will be paid before the October 31 deadline to ensure they receive this valuable discount. Don't miss out on this opportunity to save on your property taxes.

## Parks

The City has restored the Brown Family Cemetery in Brown Park. Jacob Domalewski, a mason with Cemetery Craftsman completed the \$17,000 project, which included:

- Rebuilding and tuck-pointing the historic masonry wall.
- Painting and rehanging the existing gate.
- Replacing limestone cap sections.
- Leveling, resetting and cleaning monuments and headstones.

Many headstones were too damaged to reconstruct.



Above: Before restoration.  
Right: After restoration.



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

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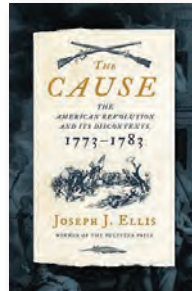
## The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky meets every third Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. The meetings are held in the Artisan Room, in the Meadow Building on the campus of Masonic Homes Kentucky, 3701 Frankfort Avenue.

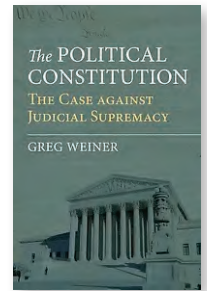
Check out The Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky web site: <https://ahhsky.wixsite.com/ahhs-ky>

### Our schedule of upcoming speakers:

**October 19, 2024**  
Richard Werking presents: *The Cause: The American Revolution and its Discontents 1773-1783* by Joseph J. Ellis



**November 16, 2024**  
Prof. Aaron Hoffman presents: *The Political Constitution: The Case against Judicial Supremacy* by Greg Weiner



**December 21, 2024**  
Jim Brunnhoeffler presents "Benedict Arnold, Patriot"

## Halloween in Brown Park

**Halloween in Brown Park**  
Saturday, October 19  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

- This **FREE** annual event will be held rain or shine
- Music, games, inflatables, hayrides, and more
- Trick-or-treating starts at 11:30 am
- Over 50 businesses will hand out treats
- Food and drink available for purchase
- Location: Brown Park at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane
- FREE parking at 4007 Kresge Way, Doctor's building

The Chamber of St. Matthews and City of St. Matthews have brought together thousands of area residents, dozens of organizations and countless area businesses in a fun-filled, family-friendly Halloween event. This family event has grown enormously since its inception, attracting over 5,000 children and adults to this one-day event.

Festivities begin at 11 a.m., rain or shine, in Brown Park, located at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane, next to Baptist Healthcare. At 11:30 a.m., trick-or-treating begins at the pavilion, where children and families meander through the park's walking

path collecting goodies. Over 50 businesses and organizations are set up along the way to give the little "ghosts and goblins" treats and surprises. The event concludes at 3 p.m. The line will likely close as early as 2:30 p.m. (possibly earlier depending on crowd size), so come early.

St. Matthews' Halloween in Brown Park is a safe, fun and free family-oriented event with much more to do than just collect candy. Plan now to attend for the most jam-packed four hours of fun your family can have.

For more information or to become a vendor, visit <https://www.stmatthewschamber.com/halloween-in-brown-park/>.



# Police Dept

As the new school year approaches, the St. Matthews Police Department wants to share important safety tips to ensure students, parents and the community have a safe and successful start to the school year.

## Road Safety for Students and Drivers

### For students:

- Use crosswalks: Always cross the street at designated crosswalks and obey crossing guards.
- Look both ways: Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Stay visible: Wear bright or reflective clothing to ensure drivers can see you.
- No distractions: Avoid using phones or headphones while walking to stay alert to your surroundings.

### For drivers:

- Slow down: Reduce speed in school zones and be vigilant for children crossing the street.
- Obey traffic signs: Follow school zone speed limits and stop for school buses loading or unloading children.
- Stay alert: Avoid distractions such as phones while driving, especially in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic.
- Yield to pedestrians: Always yield to students and crossing guards in crosswalks.

## School Bus Safety

### For students:

- Arrive early: Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Stay in line: Wait in a line away from the road, and board the bus one at a time.



- Seated and safe: Stay seated, face forward and keep the aisles clear during the ride.

### For parents:

- Supervise young children: Make sure young children are supervised at the bus stop.
- Teach safety rules: Educate your children about bus safety rules and the importance of staying seated.



## FREE House Watch while you are away

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

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

## Rain Stop Program for TARC Riders

A mother-son duo, Jena Walker and her son Ethan, have developed the Rain Stop Project to shelter TARC passengers from rain. They've collected gently used umbrellas to create "umbrella houses" at three uncovered TARC stops in St. Matthews. Local craftsman Troy Meidinger helped transform donated traffic drums into these protective structures.

The project will maintain these umbrella houses for one year, after which they hope a local business will continue the tradition.

Two umbrella houses are on Thierman Lane and one is on Dupont Circle. To donate new or gently used compact umbrellas, drop them off at Rainbow Blossom in St. Matthews (3738 Lexington Road) through September.

For more information, contact Jena Walker at [TheFamilyNestProject@gmail.com](mailto:TheFamilyNestProject@gmail.com) or (502) 558-9868.



## Help Prevent Car Break-ins

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

Car break-ins continue to be a problem in St. Matthews as well as the entire Louisville area. We want to remind everyone to secure their vehicles and remove any visible personal belongings when leaving cars unattended.

### To keep your valuables safe, remember to:

- Do not leave a garage door opener in a car.
- Never leave a firearm in a vehicle.
- Lock your doors and roll up the windows – Thieves often target unlocked cars, especially in bad weather when fewer people are outside to notice suspicious activity.
- Turn off your car. Never leave your car unattended and running; take the keys out of the ignition or remove the fob.
- Take your valuables – Don't leave anything valuable in the vehicle or in plain sight. Even small items can attract thieves. Always keep personal documents, checkbooks, and driver's licenses with you. Avoid leaving gift cards in the car.
- Hide your belongings – If you can't take everything with you, hide items in the trunk or under a seat where they are out of view.
- Park in secure areas – Park in a driveway or garage if possible. If you must park on the street, choose well-lit areas or places with motion-activated lights.
- Activate your alarm – If your car has an alarm, make sure to turn it on.

## Department Updates

### Body Worn Cameras

The Police Department has successfully completed the deployment of body-worn cameras for all officers. These body-worn cameras are integrated with the in-car camera systems to ensure comprehensive documentation of police interactions, capturing extensive information for enhanced transparency and accountability.

### Communications

The SMPD Dispatch Center is transitioning to a new dispatch radio console. This advanced radio system will enable seamless communication between our officers and those of the Louisville Metro Police Department, significantly enhancing officer safety and operational coordination. The department has also applied for a grant to purchase new handheld radios. Currently, the SMPD radios lack full encryption, preventing effective communication with Louisville Metro officers.

### Web Portal

Our goal is to provide the community with a comprehensive portal, allowing residents to independently submit requests for Vacation Watches, Condition Reports, At-Risk Resident notifications, and Pet and Bike Management services. Additionally, the department provides a variety of other services on this site, promoting transparency and fostering community engagement. To visit the St. Matthews Police Department web site, you can scan the QR code, right: or visit: <https://www.stmatthewsky.gov/police/>



## Easy Being Green

MSD encourages residents to drain pools in a safe, environmentally friendly way. Proper draining of swimming pools is essential to the health of our local waterways and being a good neighbor:

"Water containing chlorine can kill fish and other aquatic life in creeks and streams," states MSD Development and Stormwater Services Director Tony Marconi. The average pool has a chlorine concentration that is 10 times higher than some aquatic life can withstand. MSD recommends that a pool sit for at least 10 days after chemical treatment before draining any water.

Improper draining can also become a nuisance for residents and their

neighbors by causing basement flooding, a backup, or flooding of yards. Homeowners may slowly drain chlorine-free water to a grassy area in their yard if it is large enough to absorb the water. Or, they can drain into a sanitary sewer cleanout, if one is available on their property.

Please follow these guidelines when draining a swimming pool:

- Don't drain pools during or up to 48 hours after rain.
- Dechlorinate water before draining. Wait at least 10 days after chemical treatment.



- Ensure water is chlorine-free (about 0.1 parts per million total chlorine).
- Maintain pH between 6 and 8.
- Drain slowly (max 30 gallons per minute) to a large grassy area or sanitary sewer cleanout.

Source: <https://louisvillemsd.org/news/safe-pool-draining-tips>

# St. Matthews Team Highlights

## Alicia Smiley, Police



Alicia Smiley joined the St. Matthews Police Department in April 2024 as an Open Records Clerk, bringing with her extensive experience in law enforcement. She retired from Louisville Metro Police after a 23-year career as a spokesperson and Open Records handler.

Alicia finds joy in the research aspect of her role, likening it to solving a puzzle as she matches different pieces of information. She appreciates the change of pace from her previous position and values being part of a great team.

A Louisville native, Alicia holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Louisville. Although she resides just outside St. Matthews, she frequently shops within the city, at stores like Trader Joe's and Whole Foods.

In her free time, Alicia enjoys gardening, walking outdoors going to the gym, as well as reading, traveling and spending time with friends.

## Barbara Shepard, Police



Sergeant Barbara Shepard has served the St. Matthews Police Department for 15 years, following a 7-year tenure with LMPD. A Louisville native, Barbara holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Louisville.

Barbara is married and has two brothers and a sister. She feels fortunate to still have both her parents in her life. In her spare time, she enjoys yardwork.

Barbara supervises a team of officers, reviewing officer paperwork, handling payroll and evaluations, and performing monthly inspections. She also enforces criminal and traffic laws, as well as conducting investigations into crimes and collisions.

Barb says, "I have a knack for telling "dad jokes"—or as some call them, "bad jokes"—which often elicit groans, smiles, and occasional giggles. In a job where we have to make split second serious decisions, it is good to see and make people smile! For Barbara, the most rewarding aspect of her job is making a tangible difference in people's lives.



## Remembering St. Matthews Public Works Employee Aaron McCarley

All people have an opportunity to make a difference in their communities—some people have an extra special way of leaving their mark. Aaron McCarley, a 17-year member of the St. Matthews Public Works team, was one of those people. He showed up every single day with a smile on his face, ready to serve the people of St. Matthews, his co-workers, and his friends. He was an incredible mechanic, superb team player, and a tender-hearted man. He cared about

people having their best lives and went out of his way repeatedly to help them achieve just that. Aaron had a perpetually good attitude and every single resident who interacted with Aaron remembered his name...and spoke kindly of him to others. Aaron departed this life at the young age of 49 on May 7, 2024. He is survived by his son, Dustin; daughter, Delaney; grand-daughter, Alaina; and numerous co-workers and friends who cherished him.



A tree was planted by Aaron's Public Works crew members in Brown Park in his memory. The planting was attended by family, friends, city employees, and officials.

## Sign Up for REACH Alert

Stay informed with 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.rechalert.com/quick-join/454/>



## Fire Pit Regulation and Safety

St. Matthews Fire & EMS, along with other fire departments in Louisville, respond to numerous calls about legal and illegal burning each year. As we approach the cooler temperatures of fall and good outdoor patio weather, the calls for service tend to increase. This article covers fire pit and open burning regulations in Louisville, including their origin, prohibitions, rules and permit requirements.

We will also cover what to expect when the fire department responds to a call for service for an illegal burn, notification to Air Pollution Control and Enforcement, and safety requirements for fire pits.

### Who Regulates Fire Pits and Open Burning?

The Louisville/Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) enforces federal, state and local air pollution laws in Louisville/Jefferson County. APCD developed regulations for fire pits, recreational fires and controlled burning. It also investigates violations, issues notices and penalties.

### Why is Open Burning Prohibited?

Burning produces particulate matter that harms air quality, irritates lungs and decreases breathing capacity, especially for seniors, young children and those with lung disease.

### What, Open Burning is Illegal?

Burning trash, yard waste, storm debris and construction debris is illegal in Jefferson County. Some recreational, ceremonial, agricultural and fire training burns may be lawful with proper permits.

### Legal Open Burning Requirements

- Burn only clean, dry firewood.
- Use a legal fire pit (commercial or constructed with brick, concrete, stone or metal).
- Without a permit, burn area must not exceed 3 feet in length, width and height.



- With a recreational fire permit, burn area may be up to 5 feet in length, width and height.
- Don't use accelerants.
- Don't burn on Air Quality Alert days or during burn bans.
- Obtain a permit for recreational or agricultural burns outside approved fire pits.

### Why Does the Fire Department Respond and What Happens?

The fire department will arrive at your home due to a call for service. This means someone has called directly to the firehouse or 911 to report an illegal open burn or for smoke in the area. They investigate and determine if the burn is legal. For illegal burns, they ask the property owner to extinguish the fire or do so themselves. They explain regulations and note the incident.

Any photos taken by firefighters and call for service reports will then be turned over to the Fire Marshal. They will review them to determine if Louisville/Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District needs to be notified, so that they can investigate to determine if further action through penalties for compliance is required.

### Fire Pit Safety Requirements

1. Place fire pits at least 50 feet from buildings, property lines and combustibles.
2. Don't place on wooden decks, balconies or combustible surfaces.
3. Use only clean, dry firewood.
4. Have a responsible adult present.
5. Don't burn in winds exceeding 15 mph.
6. Use a screen or spark arrestor.
7. Keep water nearby for extinguishing.

For more information and permits, visit [www.louisville.gov/apcd](http://www.louisville.gov/apcd) or check with local fire departments and government offices.



*(Article by Fire Marshal Stephen DunLany, St. Matthews Fire Department)*



# St. Matthews History

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The St. Matthews Booster, which appears to have been St. Matthews' first newspaper was first published in 1925. It was a full-size sheet of four pages.

The Woman's Club of St. Matthews held its first meeting on April 17, 1938. It was federated on May 16, 1938, with only 15 charter members. In 2024, the club celebrated its 86th anniversary, and its members continue to serve the St. Matthews community.

The St. Matthews Produce Exchange facility, which stored 10,000 barrels of Irish potatoes, closed in 1946. Today, it is The Colony shopping center at Westport Road and Clover Lane.

In 1949, Robert Ripley (of Ripley's Believe It or Not) noted that St. Matthews, with a population of 10,000 to 20,000, was the largest unincorporated community in the United States.

The city has four small historic cemeteries, none of which are available for current burials.

In 1954, St. Matthews had receipts of \$48,965. The 2024-2025 budget for St. Matthews is \$27 million.

The Sidney Eline Library, established in 1959 and currently located in the City Hall building, is named in memory of Mr. A.J. (Tony) Eline's son, who was killed during World War II.

In 1960, Stephanie Baldyga, then a 13-year-old eighth grader, designed the St. Matthews flag. The colors are



*Left: The flag of the City of St. Matthews. Right: Aerial view of the Mall St. Matthews under construction.*

primarily blue and gold (the colors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky), with green representing the fertility of the area's soil. The flag has a one-word motto, "Forward," and depicts a farmer, pioneer, potato, fighting cock, stagecoach, and a church. Stagecoaches were the first businesses in St. Matthews' history.

In 1962, The Mall St. Matthews opened as the first indoor shopping mall in Jefferson County.

In 1989, the city began a tree planting program. To date, approximately 2,903 trees have been planted.

Today, all real estate property taxes on properties within St. Matthews receive a discount if paid by October 31. In 2023, this discount was 40%.

In 2011, the first Trader Joe's store in Kentucky opened in St. Matthews on Shelbyville Road.

In 2014, St. Matthews established the first prescription drug disposal site in the east end of Jefferson County, which collected



75 pounds of expired medications in just the first 36 hours.

Looking back to the birth of the St. Matthews community gives city leaders and others an appreciation for our area's heritage as we continue to build on the firm foundation laid before us.

"Forward," as inscribed on the City of St. Matthews Flag, is our motto. This has been the purpose of the past, is the objective of current times, and should be the focus of the future, as history continues to be recorded, revealing what makes St. Matthews special for generations to come.



*Eline Library in St. Matthews.*

**Louisville Gas & Electric**  
**502-589-1444**

Fast path options are: 1-1-1 (gas) and 1-1-2 (electric).

**Emergency**  
**Contact**  
**Numbers**

**Louisville Water Company**  
**502-583-6610**

To report emergencies like water main breaks or broken fire hydrants.



## St. Matthews Eline Library—Check It Out

### Adult Programs

#### Go Back to School with the Panpipes Flute Choir!

Saturday, August 10 at 2:00 pm

We will play music for the start of school: a march for all the football games, a storytelling piece for English and so on.

#### Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Saturday, August 17

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

First team to complete their puzzle wins! Team captain must be an adult. Space is limited. Call (502) 574-1771 to register your team of 3 to 5 puzzlers.



#### Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, August 20

6:30 pm-7:30 pm

*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

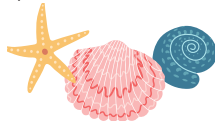


#### Crafty Night Out

Tuesday, August 27

6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Adults are invited to make a seashell trinket dish. Space is limited. Please call 502-574-1771 to register.



#### Author Talk with Ellen Birkett Morris

Wednesday August 28 at 2:00 pm

Please join author Ellen Birkett Morris in conversation with Pam Platt as they discuss Morris's award-winning novel *Beware the Tall Grass*. The novel explores an extraordinary connection between a boy and a Vietnam soldier, separated by decades but connected by trauma. With war as a backdrop and empathy at the heart of the novel, this dual narrative of a mother and a soldier takes on the power of love and courage to meet unforeseen circumstances.

#### Friends of the Library Booksale

Friday, Sept. 27, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, Sept. 29, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

#### Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, October 15 at 10:00 am

Join our Friends and learn how to support the library.

#### Computer Help by Appointment

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

#### Children's Programs

##### Terrific Tuesday Storytimes:

August 20 at 10:15 am & Diaper Drive

September 17 at 10:15 am

##### Pint Size Playdate

September 7

October 5

10:30 am-12:30 pm

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



##### Family Movie Night

Thursday, August 29: *Trolls*

6:15pm-8 pm

Join us for Family Movie Night with a movie and a craft. This month, journey to a colorful world of singing and

dancing as polar opposites Poppy and Branch make their way to the kingdom of Bergens to save their people in *Trolls*. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged. Rated PG

#### Regularly Occurring Children's Programs:

Baby Storytime – Every Wednesday from 10:15 am to 11:00 am

Toddler Storytime – Every Wednesday from 11:15 am to 11:45 am

Preschool Storytime – every Thursday from 10:15 am to 11:00 am

Family Storytime – every Thursday from 11:15 am to 11:45 am

#### Teen Programs

##### ACT Practice Test

Saturday, August 24

12:30 pm-4:30 pm

Take a FREE full length ACT practice test. Please bring two #2 pencils, a photo ID, and a calculator. Please email [ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org](mailto:ElineYouthServices@lfpl.org) or call (502) 574-1771 to register, limit 25. Grades 7-12.



#### Free Computer Tune-Up Service

A FREE computer tune-up and repair service is offered the first Saturday of each month (9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7) at the St. Matthews Library from 1-5 pm in the small conference room. Reservations are required and limited to five people.

Email Rae Taylor at [taylor\\_rae@hotmail.com](mailto:taylor_rae@hotmail.com) to reserve a spot. Bring necessary equipment, including chargers and mouse for laptops. For more information visit [www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com](http://www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com).



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

# Code Words

The City continues to receive reports regarding the obstruction of public sidewalks. Chapter 92.03 of the St. Matthews Code of Ordinances states, "No person, firm, or corporation shall be permitted to obstruct any sidewalk, alley or public way in any manner to prevent the free use thereof by pedestrians using sidewalks, or vehicles using the alley or public way."

In other words, any object placed over a sidewalk—including any part of a vehicle—is a violation of this ordinance. The City appreciates that the majority of its residents abide by this rule, but complaints about persons parking their vehicles in a manner that creates an obstruction of all or part of the sidewalk persist. This is not only a violation of St. Matthews' laws, but also a violation of a federal law commonly referred to as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

St. Matthews has a very progressive program for upgrading and maintaining City sidewalks to bring the City into compliance with this federal law. Likewise, we need every resident and household to comply with the laws that require the free, unobstructed use of the sidewalks within our City. Please remember when you park your car in any driveway and block the sidewalk, you are not only being an inconsiderate neighbor, you are also breaking the law.



## 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.

## 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

April: Margy and Dale Seebold, Norbourne Blvd.

May: Eileen Haerberle, Grandview Ave.

June: Kent Echler, Gilman Ave.

*Outstanding Neighbors pictured top to bottom: Margy and Dale Seebold, Eileen Haerberle, Kent Echler*



## Good Neighboring

- Clear blocked catch basins, especially during fall leaf season, to prevent flooding.
- Remove temporary signs for yard sales or lost pets promptly. These signs clutter the environment, hinder utility workers' access to poles and are illegal.
- While picking up after your pet is desirable, please dispose of your pet's waste in your personal garbage tote or provided receptacles in city parks. Do not intrude on others by disposing in privately used totes.
- Don't dispose of pool chemicals or flammable/hazardous items in trash or recycling bins. Contact Louisville Metro Hazardous Waste Disposal for proper disposal options.

Since the last newsletter, the following has been accomplished:

## Completed Projects

- Crews removed many tons of storm debris throughout the city following multiple storms this spring and early summer.
- Workers cut back and removed extensive foliage in rear, undeveloped alleys in the Camelot neighborhoods. Residents are responsible for property maintenance in front of and behind their homes.
- City workers patched potholes on many city streets.
- Workers replaced mulch at Community Center Park playground.
- Crews trimmed bushes and replaced landscaping at multiple city parks.
- Tree planting program completed with 125 new trees installed.
- Workers removed stumps from several trees that received permission for removal, or fell during recent storms.
- Drainage improvements made to Girard Drive.
- Restoration work completed at Brown Cemetery.

## Current Projects:

- Drainage improvements on Trinity Hills Ditch. The project is out to bid, construction to start this summer.
- Phased street sign replacement project.
- Stream and basin improvements at Draut Park. The project is out to bid, construction to start this summer.
- Phase I of Warwick Park improvements (new parking, basketball court, restroom and four pickleball courts) expected to open late July.
- Design of Phase II and III of Warwick Park improvements underway.



- Exterior facade improvements to Arterburn building on Ten Pin Lane in progress.
- New restroom at Community Center Park near McCandless Field under construction.

## Future Projects:

- Electric improvements at Brown Park.
- Alley improvements between Massie and Gilman.
- Construction of Phase II and III at Warwick Park.
- New plaque installation at Draut Park.

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.



### St. MAM's Golf Classic, Aug. 26

Join the St. Matthews Area Golf Classic Fundraiser, where swings meet charity in the most fun-filled way possible. Picture lush greens, blue skies, and a whole lot of heart as we come together to drive support for our community. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time putter, there's a spot for you. <https://stmam.com/golf-classic-2024/>



### Give for Good Louisville, Sept. 12:

An opportunity to join the entire city in supporting organizations in need, including St. Matthews Area Ministries!  
<https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organization/St-Matthews-Area-Ministries>



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

Mayor Richard J. Tonini

### *City Council*

Bernard Bowling

Frank Flynn

Nate Hernandez

Tim Holland

Sarah Landes

Mary Jo Nay

Amy Olson

Jacki Vanetti

City Council meetings begin at  
7 p.m. on the second and fourth  
Tuesday of each month.

City Council meeting minutes are  
online at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov).

## Reach Alert

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### 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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