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# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

## NEWSLETTER

### September 2015



Number 9

Dear Fellow Residents:

There is a saying, “Wherever you go, there you are.” Well, here we are, more than half of 2015 has passed and we have crossed over into August. The summer is moving along, and the kids have returned to school.

One of the things I think a lot about and hold as a key factor in the desirability of a city – our City in particular – is community. And a large component of the term community, at least from my perspective, is our neighborhood. So, regarding our neighborhood, it follows to consider what it means to be “neighborly” and how that defines the quality of life in St. Regis Park. If you look up the definition of “neighborly” in the dictionary (or Google it), you will find this: *adjective, characteristic of a good neighbor, especially helpful, friendly or kind*. As we walk through our neighborhood, being “neighborly” often means just saying hello to somebody you pass by, even if you don’t know the person. During a recent conversation, many of us remarked that, while we might not always know our neighbors’ names, we do know the names of their dogs.

There are many ways to feel part of a neighborhood and to be “neighborly.” It might mean putting somebody’s newspaper on their front porch, taking out their trash bins or any number of ways you can be considerate. You could volunteer at a school or join a service organization. These are all ways to build and strengthen a neighborhood, establishing community connections and have fun at the same time.

Speaking of being considerate, in the June newsletter I mentioned maintaining the general appearance of St. Regis Park and addressed leaving grass clippings, limbs, twigs and other yard waste on sidewalks or blowing them into the street. On July 17 and 18 we were again inundated by torrential rains – the second time this year – and as before, once more many of our residents experienced flood damage resulting from storm drainage backup. In conferring with officials at MSD, blockages in the storm drains were in part caused by yard waste and debris. Once again, I urge you to do what is “neighborly” and while maintaining your property, properly dispose of yard waste. I have instructed our citation officer, Kenny Betts, to be much more deliberate in handing out “hi neighbors” in the event of the following: curbing is not edged, grass is growing in the curb joints, and grass clippings, twigs, sticks, and other debris is left in the curb. For those neighbors who don’t heed the notice of the “hi neighbor” a citation will be given. Most citizens comply with these requests, however the few that do not, are making it difficult on the rest of us.

In closing, I want to mention two upcoming events. First, the **St. Regis Park Tree Board** will conduct an open forum meeting at the McMahan firehouse on **Tuesday, September 1, from 6:30-7:00 p.m.** This will occur prior to the monthly City Council Meeting. Residents will be provided with an update of the “**Re-Tree the Park**” campaign, progress in obtaining the *Tree City USA* designation and have their questions answered by members of the Tree Board and the City’s Consulting Arborist, Cindi Sullivan. Second, the annual **St. Regis Park Citywide Yard Sale** will occur on **Saturday, September 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

**Remember, the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live. Together we can make it even better.**

Sincerely,  
*Brandt Davis*, Mayor

### IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 1	PUBLIC TREE BOARD MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 6:30 PM) CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) RECYCLING PICKUP
SEPTEMBER 7	LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 11	PATRIOT DAY
SEPTEMBER 12	CITY-WIDE YARD SALE (8:00 AM - ?)
SEPTEMBER 13	GRANDPARENT’S DAY ROSH HASHANAH
SEPTEMBER 15	RECYCLING PICKUP
SEPTEMBER 17	CONSTITUTION DAY
SEPTEMBER 18	AIR FORCE DAY POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 22	BUSINESS WOMEN’S DAY YOM KIPPUR
SEPTEMBER 23	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
SEPTEMBER 25	NATIVE AMERICAN DAY NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY
SEPTEMBER 27	GOLD STAR MOTHER’S DAY
SEPTEMBER 29	RECYCLING PICKUP

**CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR**  
**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 4, 2015**

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members: Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, Stephen Hoard, Louis Schweickhardt, Eric Shackelford, Frank Wheatley, Cheryl Willett.  
Absent: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Davis contacted MSD about the flooding that occurred on Sunday, July 18, 2015. MSD stated that it has no plans to improve the drainage in our area at this time. Mayor Davis will continue to work with MSD on the issue.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Charlie Veeneman presented the Financial Report for July 2015. The General Fund revenues for the month were \$19,107.72 with year-to-date revenues at \$19,107.82. Total expenses for the month were \$34,150.72 with year-to-date expenses at \$34,150.72 resulting in year-to-date revenue over expenses of \$(15,043.00).

The Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,718.82 with year-to-date revenues at \$2,718.82. Total expenses for the month were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue of \$2,718.82.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the July 2015 financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shackelford. The motion passed without dissent.

Complete financials are posted on the City's website at [www.stregispark.net](http://www.stregispark.net).

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on July 7, 2015. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Officer Kenny Betts of the Audubon Park Police Department represented Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE). He had no report.

The KLE Small City Police Activity Report for July 2015 will be published in the next newsletter.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)**  
No Report.

**CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS**  
Mr. Betts patrolled 82 miles and issued nine (9) Hi Neighbor notices.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER**  
Mr. Singler introduced the following 1st Readings of the referenced ordinances:

- Ordinance 3, Series 2015-2016 - Revised Garage Ordinance – Mr. Schweickhardt made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the Ordinance, with changes. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- Ordinance 4, Series 2015-2016 Ordinance to Adopt the Supplemental S-6, 2015-2016 Ordinances. Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

**PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT**  
No Report.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN**  
The annual city ice cream social will be held on Sunday August 9, 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the Ascension School grounds. The annual citywide yard sale will be on Saturday, September 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Allen is working with Oates Flag to replace the street banners that were damaged during a recent storm.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT**  
Ms. Willet purchased new No Parking signs and yard sale banners.

Ms. Willet wished to thank resident Evan Thompson and the McMahan Fire Department for removing a tree from the roadway on St. Regis Lane after a recent storm. She also wants to remind people not to drive through yards if a tree is blocking the roadway.

**BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD**  
Mr. Hoard issued three permits: a decorative fence at 2602 Aintree Way; a covered deck at 4604 Dannywood Road; a fence at 4503 Statton Road.

**MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY**  
No Report.

**COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES**  
No Report.

**The City has "No Parking" signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call City Clerk Bill Hodapp at 654-8145 for information regarding the use of these signs.**

**FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD**

Mr. Shackelford will continue to work with the McMahan Fire Department on the citywide CPR class.

**TREE BOARD:**

Mr. Joe Hinkle was present and updated the Council on the Tree City USA application. He was asked to obtain a copy of the tree inventory report from Ms. Cindi Sullivan and to conduct a tree assessment for the new trees that were planted in FY 2014-2015.

The Tree Board has scheduled a citywide meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. The meeting will be held at the McMahan Fire Department.

**CITIZEN PARTICPATION:**

Mr. Bill Holton of Dannywood Road was present and offered to properly retire and dispose of any damaged US flags the city may have.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Mr. Hoard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willet. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk  
(These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis.)

Approved:

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Brandt Davis, Mayor, City of St. Regis Park  
The City of St. Regis Park allows a public comment section during its meetings. These public comments are summarized in the City Council Minutes. The views expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the City of St. Regis Park.

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# COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2015

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	8	8	100%
Talbott Allen	8	7	88%
Bob Graves	8	7	88%
Stephen Hoard	8	7	88%
Louie Schweickhardt	8	7	88%
Eric Shackelford	8	5	63%
Frank Wheatley	8	7	88%
Cheryl Willett	8	8	100%



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## ST. ANDREW FARMERS' MARKET

St. Andrew United Church of Christ

2608 Browns Lane

The St. Andrew Farmers' Market opened for its 6th season on May 7 and will run through October 15. Just like last year, **the market will be open 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm every Thursday, rain or shine.**

*What you eat matters – to your health, to the local economy, to the planet.*

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture compiles a list each year of farmers' markets in the state. For more information on the markets, go to

[www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmermarket/index.htm](http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmermarket/index.htm).



# Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year:

**July 2015**

Traffic Stops:                                              DSS                      Speeding                      RD                      Other                      Arrests                      Warnings  
 Location:

Woodmont/Lincoln		1				1
Lynnbrook/Aintree	4	1				4
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook				1		
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	2	2				3
Dannywood/Browns		4		1		1
Browns/Lincoln		4		1		1
4600 Block Lincoln		1				1
Browns/Brookhaven		4		1		1
Rockwood						
Dannywood/Woodmont	5	2		2		8
Statton/Woodmont						
Woodmont/St Regis						
St Regis Ln						
Browns/Lowe		2		3		1
Mt. Vernon		3		2		2
Total:	11	24	0	11	0	23
YTD Total:	84	151	5	51	4	124
Resident:	9	12		3		20
Non-Resident:	2	12		8		3
YTD- Resident	53	37	0	15	0	89
YTD-Non-Resident	31	114	5	36	4	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>124</b>

**Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:**

Suspicious Vehicle - 1  
 Stranded Motorist -  
 Council Meeting - 1

911 Call -  
 Suspicious Person -  
 Foot Patrol -  
 Resident Contact - 3

Towed Vehicle -  
 Officer Assist - 1  
 Business Check - 46  
 Burglar Alarm -

**House Watches:**

St. Regis Lane - 5

Stormon - 3

Browns - 8

# PUBLIC TREE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, 6:30-7:00 PM

**MCMAHAN FIREHOUSE  
4318 TAYLORSVILLE ROAD**

## BRANCHING OUT

The **St. Regis Park Tree Board** just celebrated the end of its first year of existence! By now, I am sure everyone has noticed the 45 trees with their distinctive green watering bags and yellow identification tags and knows that, in this fiscal year, we will plant about 60 more!

While this summer's heat has reminded us of one reason we need trees--their cooling shade--we also wanted to put our efforts into the context of similar plans in Metro Louisville and throughout the country. And here's our well-kept secret--we think our mayor, city council, tree board, and arborist are leading the way!

The "why" of these tree plantings and the large-tree maintenance we hope to initiate next year can be technical, but we thought you might want to know why our "**Re-Tree the Park**" efforts are so critical! Here is why Metro Louisville and the City of St. Regis Park need more trees and healthier trees!

*Recognizing the urban tree canopy as an integral part of a city's infrastructure, an urban tree canopy (UTC) analysis was completed in 2015 for Louisville. Using the information available from aerial photography, LiDAR, and remote imagery from 2004, 2008 and 2012, Davey Resource Group compared data to perform change detection in the UTC.*

*The UTC assessment documents a steady decline in tree canopy coverage that, if not addressed, will have a devastating impact on the health and quality of life in Louisville. Louisville lost the equivalent of more than 54,000 trees per year between 2004 and 2012, dropping the overall canopy coverage to 37%. If the devastating effects of the Emerald Ash Borer are included in the current trend of decline, the UTC could drop to as low as 21% in the next 40 years. American Forests recommends canopy coverage of at least 40% for healthy communities.*

Trees improve air quality, absorb stormwater, moderate temperatures, save energy, provide wildlife habitat, and reduce noise levels. Trees create stronger, more positive communities with higher property values and healthier citizens.

**The Tree Board and the City Council are working hard to improve our tree canopy! We are concentrating our efforts on planting trees in yards that do not have significant existing trees. Take a look at your front yard and imagine how it would look if you fill that empty space with a beautiful tree! (We reserve the right to give priority this fall to the neediest front or visible side lawns.) Call the City Line at 654-8145, or email [msmattingly@outlook.com](mailto:msmattingly@outlook.com) to request a spot in the lottery/selection for our fall planting. We need your name, address, phone number, and email address, if you have one. The deadline for fall requests is September 2nd.**

**Finally, please consider attending the Tree Board Question-and-Answer session set for 6:30-7:00 PM at the McMahan Firehouse on Tuesday, September 1st, right before the 7:00 PM City Council Meeting. Tree Board members and arborist Cindi Sullivan will discuss the types of trees we will have available for planting this fall and will answer your questions.**

Let's Re-Tree the Park!

Cindi Sullivan and the St. Regis Park Tree Board

*The Final Draft of the UTC Assessment is available at this link:*  
[https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/sustainability/pdf\\_files/louisvilleutcreport-24march2015.pdf](https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/sustainability/pdf_files/louisvilleutcreport-24march2015.pdf)

# PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

## GRILLING SAFETY



While grilling is all about good food, fun, friends and celebrations, it is important to make sure that accidents don't interrupt your activities. Approximately half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns. If you work with fire, there's a good chance of getting burned.

- Only use BBQ grills outdoors and in ventilated areas.
- Place the grill away from your home or anything that could be flammable.
- Keep the grill stable.
- Keep the fire under control.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill.
- Never leave the grill unattended.
- The grill lid should always be open before lighting it.
- Grease should not be allowed to build up in the grill.
- Use long-handled utensils.

### GAS/PROPANE

Check the tank hose and connections for leaks before using it for the first time each year by using a light soapy water solution to see if bubbles appear.

If you smell gas when the grill is lit, move away from the grill and call the fire department.

If the flame goes out, turn off the gas for at least 15 minutes and open the lid before re-lighting it.

### CHARCOAL

- Never add any starter fluid or other flammable liquid to a fire.
- Only use charcoal starter fluid and not gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid.
- Keep starter fluid away from heat sources and out of the reach of children.
- Electric charcoal starters do not use fire but have a coil to ignite the coals.
- When finished cooking, close off the grill vents to suffocate the fire and save some of the remaining charcoal.

**Practice safe grilling** and enjoy the occasions to cook outdoors and share with your family and friends. **Remember – it only takes seconds for an accident to occur.**

## INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP BUILD EQUITY FASTER

Equity is an asset and an appreciating home is an investment. While some people have resolved themselves that a mortgage payment is a normal part of life, others have set goals to get their home paid for as soon as possible. There are several strategies that will work but they all require persistence vigilance.

A shorter term mortgage such as 20, 15 or even 10 years will not only pay off sooner, it will generally have a lower interest rate. A recent comparison at Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market survey showed a 30 year fixed-rate mortgage at 4.04% compared to a 15 year fixed-rate at 3.20%. The fees for the shorter term were even .1% less. The shorter term with the lower rate would have a higher payment but some people consider it forced savings.

Additional principal contributions to any length fixed-rate mortgage will save interest, build equity and shorten the term of the loan. Some homeowners may apply lump sums at various times during the year such as when bonuses are paid or a tax refund is received.

Other homeowners might increase their payments by \$100, \$200 or more each month. Setting the increased payment through electronic banking would insure that you consistently make the extra amount.

Bi-weekly payments make 26 half-payments in a year which equals 13 full-payments. Because of the frequency, it reduces the interest that is due. This might work well for borrowers who are paid every two weeks but could present cash flow problems for those who are paid on schedules that don't coincide.

Making one extra payment a year will have almost the same effect as a bi-weekly payment. The 13th payment would be completely applied to principal.

Before embarking on one of these strategies, it would be wise to verify with your lender that it complies with their policies.

Contact your real estate professional to evaluate the opportunities of making a move, and remember, make certain you know the TRUE VALUE of your home BEFORE listing it for sale.



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 491-4745 – Non-Emergency

**2015 CITY COUNCIL**

Brandt Davis, Mayor – 654-8145

**MEMBERS**

Talbott Allen, Special Events – 451-3776  
 Bob Graves, Communications – 451-2047  
 Stephen Hoard, Building Permits – 931-7004  
 Louie Schweickhardt, Public Works – 639-7731  
 Eric Shackelford, Finance – 379-7721  
 Frank Wheatley, Director of Marketing/IT – 452-2343  
 Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

**CITY EMPLOYEES**

Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 671-9469  
 Kenneth Betts, Citation Officer – 664-2784

**CITY NUMBERS**

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 E-Mail – [stregispark@gmail.com](mailto:stregispark@gmail.com)  
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**ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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 7:00 P.M., at the McMahan Fire Station

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