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Dear Fellow Residents:

Once again, a wonderful summer in the City of St. Regis Park is coming to an end. Soon the air will become a little cooler, the grass won't grow as much, and the leaves will start to change colors. Although there will be less outside activity, a number of holidays and important events will be fast approaching in the next few months.

The **Annual City-Wide Yard Sale** was again a huge success. It seemed more residents participated than ever before. While traffic problems have been reduced, still, some individuals chose to ignore the "No Parking" signs and suffered the consequences. However, the majority of the comments I heard were most favorable.

The **Tree Board** continues to move forward with the City's **Tree City USA** application, a national program that provides a framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America. Participating communities demonstrate a commitment to caring for and managing their trees and shrubs. In addition, the **Tree Board** has already received more than 40 requests for trees to be planted this fall. Requests for trees are ongoing. For additional information, please review the **Branching Out** article elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Council has received several complaints recently regarding barking dogs. **St. Regis Park Ordinance 6, Series 2003-2004, Section 90.03 Noise Disturbance**, states *"No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the city which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling, or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of one or more of the inhabitants of two or more separate residences. Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged, or fed within any dwelling, yard, or enclosure which he occupies or owns shall be considered as harboring the dog."* Since the violation of this ordinance could be a \$500 fine, please be courteous and considerate of your neighbors.

Also, there have been reports of vermin (mice, rats, opossums, raccoons) being spotted in yards, generally at dusk or after dark. The most humane way to eliminate these pests is to remove both their food sources and nests. Store and dispose of garbage properly. If you feed your pets outside, leave the food out just long enough to be eaten, then remove it. Clean up pet droppings in the yard every day, and remove old wood or rubbish from the property since these make perfect hangouts for vermin.

Our police patrols report a number of residents continue to leave their garage doors open at night and cars parked both on the street and in driveways are unlocked. These "temptations" seem to provide would be thieves and vandals with opportunities they can't resist. Protect your property by practicing good security.

In closing, **Halloween** this year is on **Saturday, October 31**. Since **"Trick or Treat"** will occur on a weekend, more participants than usual are expected. While many of the pranks of the past are no longer in vogue, unfortunately, every year some individuals seem to take advantage of this particular holiday to create mischief. Although there will be increased police patrols throughout the City, it is our individual responsibility as neighbors to look out for one another. Parents should accompany young children. After dark, flashlights and reflective clothing are necessities. **BE SAFE!**

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

OCTOBER 6	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
OCTOBER 10	MCMAHAN FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE – 60TH ANNIVERSARY (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
OCTOBER 12	COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 13	RECYCLING PICKUP
OCTOBER 11	NATIONAL BOSS'S DAY
OCTOBER 24	MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
OCTOBER 27	RECYCLING PICKUP NAVY DAY
OCTOBER 29	NATIONAL CAT DAY
OCTOBER 31	HALLOWEEN

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 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, September 1, 2015, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members: Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, Louie Schweickhardt, Frank Wheatley, Cheryl Willett.
Absent: Stephen Hoard, Eric Shackelford.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Davis introduced Ms. Erin C. White a candidate for Jefferson County District Court Judge on the November 3 General Election. Ms. White is a graduate of both Ascension School and Sacred Heart Academy. Additional information about Ms. White can be found at www.VoteErinWhite.com.

Mayor Davis also asked the Council to review his plan for improving the City signage and banners and be prepared to discuss at the October Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for August 2015. General Fund revenues for the month were \$65,882.99 with year-to-date revenues at \$84,990.71. Total expenses for the month were \$20,820.05 with year-to-date expenses at \$54,970.77 resulting in year-to-date revenue over expenses of \$30,019.94.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,431.72 with year-to-date revenues at \$5,150.54. Total expenses for the month were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue of \$5,150.54.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the August 2015 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion passed without dissent.

Complete financials are posted on the City's website at 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 August 4, 2015. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

No Report. The Kentuckian Law Enforcement (KLE) Small City Police Activity Report for August 2015 will be published in the newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

No Report.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

Mr. Betts patrolled 92 miles and issued eleven (11) Hi-Neighbor notices. Mayor Davis has instructed Mr. Betts to aggressively pursue enforcement of the City's Ordinances. Mr. Betts requested a tracking database be created and a process be put in place to help him with enforcement. Mr. John Singler, City Attorney, will work with Mr. Betts on a process for issuing Hi-Neighbor notices, citations and the levying of fines for properties not complying with all ordinances.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler introduced the 2nd Readings of the following new ordinances:

Ordinance 3, Series 2015-2016 - Revised Garage Ordinance – After discussion, this ordinance was tabled until an agreed upon garage height can be determined.

Ordinance 4, Series 2015-2016 Ordinance to Adopt the Supplemental S-6, 2015-2016 Ordinances. Mr. Wheatley made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance passed without dissent.

There have been several complaints about barking dogs. Mr. Singler referenced the following ordinance: *Ordinance 6, Series 2003-2004, Section 90.03 Noise Disturbance: "No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the city which, by frequent and habitual barking,, howling, or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of one or more of the inhabitants of two or more separate residences. Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged, or fed within any dwelling, yard, or enclosure which he occupies or owns shall be considered as harboring the dog."* It may be necessary for complainants to complete a signed affidavit. Violation of this ordinance could result in a \$500 fine.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt will contact Walsh Brothers to improve the Hedgerow Court landscaping.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

The Annual City Ice Cream Social was held on Sunday, August 7.

The Annual City-Wide Yard Sale will be held on September 12.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett informed the Council that Metro Louisville has baited the area around Lincoln Road and Browns Lane for rodents.

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD (Absent)

No Report.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves addressed Mr. Shackelford’s request for City funding of a triathlon event he is participating in. The Council discussed and agreed that all funding must meet requirements for the benefit of the City, for which this event would not qualify.

FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD (Absent)

No Report.

TREE BOARD:

The quarterly St. Regis Park Tree Board public meeting was held prior to the City Council Meeting at the McMahan Fire Station. The Tree Board addressed the following:

- Ms. Cindi Sullivan delivered the City tree assessment report and information from the report will be placed on the City’s website in the near future.
- The Tree City USA application will be submitted to the Office of Kentucky Forestry in the near future.
- The next round of tree plantings will occur in October. There are some residents that have requested a second tree be planted in their yard. The City wants to ensure each resident that requests a tree be accommodated first, unless the City Arborist approves the planting of a second tree.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Bill Holton of Dannywood Road attended and asked the Council to recognize Ms. Willett’s birthday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief of the McMahan Fire District, advised the fire department would be hosting a CPR class on Saturday, September 26. Additional CPR classes will be held on a quarterly

basis during 2016. Residents needing more information or wishing to register should contact Colonel Walsh by email at pwalsh@mcmahanfire.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

Colonel Walsh invited all residents to attend the 60th year Anniversary Open House at the station located at 4318 Taylorsville Road on Saturday, October 10, from 10am-2pm.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Graves made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms.Willet. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm. Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk (These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis.)

Approved:

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.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2015

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	9	9	100%
Talbott Allen	9	8	89%
Bob Graves	9	8	89%
Stephen Hoard	9	7	78%
Louie Schweickhardt	9	8	89%
Eric Shackelford	9	5	56%
Frank Wheatley	9	8	89%
Cheryl Willett	9	9	100%



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CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

The City of St. Regis Park and the McMahan Fire Protection District are offering a CPR Certification Class on Saturday, September 26, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the McMahan Fire Station, 4318 Taylorsville Road. For additional information and registration, contact Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief, at pwalsh@mcmahanfire.com.



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **August 2015**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Woodmont/Lincoln	1						1
Lynnbrook/Aintree	2			2		3	1
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	2	2		1		5	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	6			1		2	5
Dannywood/Browns		3					3
Browns/Lincoln		3		3		1	5
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven		2		1			3
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	3	2				3	2
Statton/Woodmont	2					2	
Woodmont/St Regis							
St Regis Ln	2					2	
Browns/Lowe		2				1	1
Mt. Vernon	1	2				3	
Total:	19	16	0	8	0	22	21
YTD Total:	103	167	5	59	4	146	192
Resident:	11	5		2		18	0
Non-Resident:	8	11		6		4	21
YTD- Resident	64	42	0	17	0	107	16
YTD-Non-Resident	39	125	5	42	4	39	176
TOTAL:	103	167	5	59	4	146	192

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle -
Stranded Motorist -
Council Meeting - 1
House Watch - 9

Suspicious Person -
Foot Patrol -
Resident Contact - 5

Officer Assist - 2
Business Check - 36
Burglar Alarm - 1

BRANCHING OUT

While the calendar and late-summer heat tell us it is still summer, we know fall is coming, and with it, the best time of the year to plant (and care for) trees!

We have received more than 40 requests for trees this fall, and while some people still need to remove a dead or dying tree, and others really don't have room for another tree (we love you for wanting one!), at least 35 residents have been tentatively chosen for larger canopy trees. They will be contacted, our city arborist will make a tentative decision about what tree would be good in the space, and she will leave a door hanger, if residents are not home, with her choice and contact information if they have questions.

Requests for trees are ongoing--the City Council has approved 60 for this fiscal year--so don't hesitate to submit your request by emailing msmattingly@outlook.com or calling the city

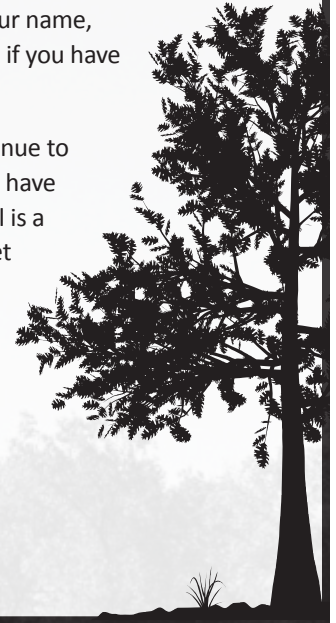
phone line: 654-8145. We need your name, address, phone, and email address, if you have one.

If you have a new tree, please continue to water as needed until winter. If you have mature trees that need pruning, fall is a good time to do it. Also, don't forget to give your mature trees the occasional good soaking.

Enjoy the glorious fall colors, and, as always, thank you for helping to

Re-Tree the Park!

The Tree Board



PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4-10, 2015

Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm



Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. If you didn't know that, you're not alone. An online questionnaire distributed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) showed that less than half (42%) of approximately 30,000 respondents did not know that a smoke alarm should be installed in each bedroom of the house.

In an effort to better educate the public about this "sleepy" smoke alarm requirement, NFPA – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years – announced "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm" as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, 2015.

"While we've long suspected that many people don't know they need a smoke alarm in each bedroom, the questionnaire we posted last year confirmed those suspicions," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's Vice President of Outreach and Advocacy. "Fire Prevention Week presents the perfect opportunity to better

educate the public about this potentially life-saving message."

According to NFPA statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, when people are most likely sleeping. Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. These facts underscore the extreme importance of having working smoke alarms in all bedrooms.

"Because fires can happen when people are sleeping, having working smoke alarms in bedrooms is a critical element of home fire safety," said Carli, who notes that three out of every five U.S. home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. "Smoke alarms can make the difference between life and death in a fire by alerting people in time to escape safely, but they need to be installed in all required locations, including all bedrooms, and they need to be working."

In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, the McMahan Fire Protection District will be hosting an Open House at its station – 4318 Taylorsville Road – on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be tours of the fire station, refreshments, and rides and games for the children. This is a great time for you to meet those who serve and protect our City.

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

TIME TO BREAK UP WITH YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT?

By Robyn Woodman

Working with a real estate agent is similar to a romantic relationship: the introduction, a whirlwind courtship, followed by a commitment. My dear agent, “I do” promise to work with you to search for and buy my beloved new home.

That initial flurry of activity turns into hanging out on the weekends, exploring home after home. The rush of a new project as you work together toward a common goal can bond your partnership even further.

But what happens if the rosy glow disappears from your cheeks and there’s no longer a real estate skip in your step? How do you know when it’s time to think about changing real estate agents? Here are five signs that it might be time to say “it’s not you, it’s me” to your real estate agent.

MISSING IN ACTION

Whether it’s a personal or business relationship, we all know when we’re getting the brush off. Text messages aren’t returned quickly. Phone calls go to voicemail – and are then returned by your agent’s assistant. Your emails seem to disappear down a dark hole, and your request to see a new home on the market is begrudgingly met three days later.

In a cold market, this behavior is simply unacceptable. But when it’s a scorching hot market, forget it. You’re never going to land your dream home with an agent who treats your business relationship this way. You’ve been sidelined, and it’s time to move on.

HIGH-PRESSURE SALES TACTICS

Rather than a new home, you begin to feel as though you’re shopping for a used car on a discount lot. Each conversation leaves you shaky with anxiety, fearing that every other decent house in the city in your price range is currently under contract and this is your only shot to lock one down.

Regardless of how hot the market is, interactions with your agent should not leave you feeling anxious. Sure, it’s their job to convey accurate market information, but in an honest and straightforward manner.

THEY’RE NOT LISTENING

You’ve communicated your deal-breaker list to your agent and they consistently show you homes without several of your coveted features. You’re tired of explaining that a second bathroom is not a luxury – it’s essential for your sanity.

When you feel as if you’re wasting time spending Saturday and Sunday afternoons touring homes with an agent who is clearly missing the mark, it might be time to move on. But before

you break the news to your agent, consider asking if there aren’t any homes with your required features in your price range – a problem with an entirely different fix.



THEY STAND YOU UP

After leaving work early and rushing to your agent’s office to sign paperwork, you find their assistant armed with a calendar for an appointment reschedule. Having other clients and commitments is perfectly acceptable, but failing to communicate in advance is not. Their time is not more important than yours.

With that said, life does sometimes get in the way of a carefully planned schedule. If this is an isolated incident, treat it accordingly – if not, you may need to make some changes.

THEY MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOU

You’ve submitted an offer and your agent neglects to ask if you would agree to a longer closing date. Instead, they take it upon themselves to reply for you – and the sellers went with another offer. Regardless of previous conversations, your agent should discuss all contracts and offer details with you in a timely fashion. Full representation does not mean making decisions on your behalf.

As in a romantic relationship, it can be easy to convince yourself you’re overreacting to circumstances by sweeping things under the carpet. Remember, this is an important business relationship and should be given priority. If you’ve communicated openly with your agent and you’re not 100% satisfied, then move on and find an agent who not only meets your needs but exceeds them.

Remember, make certain you know the TRUE VALUE of your home BEFORE listing it for sale.



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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

St. Regis Park City Hall – 654-8145
E-Mail – stregispark@gmail.com
Website – www.stregispark.net
Rumpke Waste Removal – 568-3800

ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,
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