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Dear Fellow Residents:

Final preparations have been made for the **Annual St. Regis Park Easter Egg Hunt**. It is scheduled for **10:00 AM on Saturday, March 19**, and **Spring officially arrives** the following day on **Sunday, March 20**. Within the next few weeks, the leaves will be popping out, the grass will begin growing, and the City of St. Regis Park will become “green” once again. The days may seem longer since **Daylight Savings Time resumed on March 13**. Hopefully warmer temperatures and sunnier days are in our near future.

April will be an exciting month both for the City of St. Regis Park and Greater Louisville. **The Kentucky Derby Festival will begin on April 14** and stretches “the most exciting two minutes in sports” into a month long party. The Kentucky Derby Festival celebrates spring and the Kentucky Derby with fun and exciting events for all ages. While a complete list of activities can be found on the Festival’s website (www.kdf.org), we’re all familiar with Thunder Over Louisville, the Marathon and Minimarathon, the Great Balloon Race, the historic paddle-wheelers Great Steamboat Race on the Ohio River, and the Pegasus Parade. The Festival concludes with **the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 7**.

Another significant event for the City of St. Regis Park is our **Second Annual Arbor Day Celebration** to be held at the Ascension Cafeteria on **Saturday, April 23**, at 2:00 PM. This is indeed a milestone for our City. Thanks to the efforts of our Tree Board, our City has been awarded the honor of being designated a **Tree City USA**. The award will officially be presented to the City by Ms. Sarah Gracey, Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Forestry. In addition, an inaugural **St. Regis Park Tree Hero Award** will also be presented during the celebration. I encourage all residents to attend these festivities and share in the recognition of this honor being bestowed upon our City.

As a reminder, **Council Meetings for the City of St. Regis Park are held the first Tuesday of each month at the McMahan**

Fire Station, 4318 Taylorsville Road, at 7:00 PM. If you have never attended a Council Meeting, please join us. Meet your neighbors who serve on the Council and see your government at work. If you have specific issues, we’ll be glad to address them.

While it will be great to soon resume our outdoor activities, regardless of the weather, **the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live and together, we can make it even better!**

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

2015 – 2016 DELINQUENT TAXES

4418 DANNYWOOD ROAD \$408.88

2825 MILBURN AVENUE \$366.15

4304 ST. REGIS LANE \$434.42

(Tax liens have been filed on these properties.)

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 1	APRIL FOOL’S DAY
APRIL 5	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
APRIL 12	RECYCLING PICKUP
APRIL 14	KY DERBY FESTIVAL BEGINS
APRIL 22	EARTH DAY
APRIL 23	PASSOVER ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (ASCENSION CAFETERIA @ 2:00 PM) THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE
APRIL 26	RECYCLING PICKUP
APRIL 27	ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
APRIL 30	THE GREAT BALLOON RACE (BOWMAN FIELD @ 7:00 AM) MARATHON & MINIMARATHON (DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE @ 7:30 AM)

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2016

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Due to the absence of Mayor Davis, Mr. Wheatley made a motion to appoint Ms. Willett as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves, and it passed without dissent.

Ms. Willett opened the floor to Mr. Mike Porter who resides on Lincoln Road. Mr. Porter is considering the placement of a visual screen along Weicher Creek adjacent to his home and needed details on how to proceed for a variance for the project. The Council asked that he submit a building permit, along with all specifications and location of the proposed visual screen for review. Mr. Singler also recommended that he contact the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) for review and approval.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for February 2016. General Fund revenues for the month were \$17,922.59 with year-to-date revenues at \$343,394.67. Total expenses for the month were \$15,320.01 with year-to-date expenses at \$204,921.36, resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$138,473.31.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,299.09 with year-to-date revenues at \$19,713.00. Total expenses were \$9,275.00 with year-to-date expenses at \$9,275.00, resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$10,438.00.

Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the February 2016 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shackelford, and it passed without dissent.

MINUTES:

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 2, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoard, and it passed without dissent.

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Jane Ecker and Mr. Joe Hinkle of the City Tree Board, along with City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan, attended the meeting and discussed the following:

- The City has achieved Tree City USA status and a member of the Kentucky Department of Forestry will be present at the Arbor Day celebration to recognize our City.

- The Tree Board requested to do a pilot project for the maintenance (dead-wooding) of trees in the spring of 2016. Residents would submit an application, Ms. Sullivan would review and approve, residents would enter into a contract with the approved contractor and the City would reimburse the resident for the work.

Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the pilot project. The motion failed to receive a second.

The Council requested that the Tree Board revise the pilot project and require homeowners to agree to share the cost instead of the City covering all costs. Mr. Singler requested the Tree Board work with him to establish a process that is used in other small cities prior to the April meeting.

- The 2016-2017 Tree Board budget was submitted and will be reviewed and approved during the annual budget process.
- A motion was made by Mr. Graves to move forward with the planting of trees in the backyards of residents' homes. Mr. Hoard seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

The Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) Small City Activity Report for the month of February will be published in the April newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

No Report

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

In February, Mr. Betts patrolled 111 miles, issued 7 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 2 complaints and conducted 13 house visits.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler requested that Ordinance 5, Series 2015-2016, which will allow the City to enter into a Franchise Agreement for communication services be tabled. Mr. Graves made a motion to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheatley, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Singler introduced Ordinance 6, Series 2015-2016, an ordinance that amends the Tree Board and Relating to the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees within the City. Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the ordinance. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt will work with the City Engineer to inspect the damaged street gutters and cracks in the roadway pavement. Mr. Schweickhardt will also contact the contractor who previously painted house numbers on the curbs for repainting this spring.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN (Absent)

Ms. Willett reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at the Bullitt Field at the end of Lincoln Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

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.

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD

A building permit was issued for a garage on Statton Road.

Mr. Hoard and Mr. Singler discussed an “accessory apartment” that a resident is considering and the conditional use permit application process covered under the local Land Development Code.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

No Report.

FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD

No Report.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City Council has reviewed the salary of both elected and appointed officials of the City of St. Regis Park and compared it to the published pay rates of Kentucky Cities on file with the Kentucky League of Cities and determined that the pay of the City of St. Regis Park is substantially below the median pay in comparable cities.

Based on that information, the City Council desires to compensate its officials fairly and encourage interest in filling any open positions in City government through reasonable compensation, Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 7, Series 2015-2016, which states:

- The compensation of each Council Member is hereby fixed at the sum of \$250.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the beginning of the Council’s new term, January 2017.
- The compensation of the Mayor is hereby fixed at the sum of \$800.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the beginning of the Mayor’s new term, January 2019.
- The compensation of the appointed position of Clerk/ Treasurer is hereby fixed at the sum of \$750.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the effective date of this ordinance.
- The compensation of the appointed position of Citation Officer is hereby fixed at the sum of \$550.00 per month, payable monthly, commencing with the effective date of this ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Shackelford, and it passed without dissent.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Graves made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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 2016

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	3	2	67%
Talbott Allen	3	1	33%
Bob Graves	3	3	100%
Stephen Hoard	3	2	67%
Louie Schweickhardt	3	3	100%
Eric Shackelford	3	3	100%
Frank Wheatley	3	3	100%
Cheryl Willett	3	3	100%



St. Regis Park-- A Tree City USA

- Please join us for the awarding of this honor and our 2nd annual celebration of Arbor Day!
- Saturday, April 23rd, 2:00, Ascension Cafeteria
- Refreshments and Activities for Children
- Program:
 - Introductions
 - Sarah Gracey, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Kentucky Division of Forestry--
Presentation of the Tree City Award
 - Presentation of the inaugural *St. Regis Park Tree Hero Award* and special guests
 - Announcement of the year-long tree photo contest
 - Sign-ups for city-purchased trees this Spring
 - Raffle for Arbor Day tree giveaway--Crepe Myrtle
 - Leave your questions and requests for our City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan

BRANCHING OUT

It is with great pride and gratitude that the St. Regis Park Tree Board announces the City of St. Regis Park has been selected as a 2016 Tree City USA!



Tree City USA is a national recognition program that began in 1976 and is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters. By meeting four fundamental standards, an incorporated municipality of any size can qualify. Here is how we accomplished our goal of being recognized for our efforts to maintain and restore our tree canopy:

First Standard: Establish a Tree Board. With great forward thinking, Mayor Brandt Davis and the St. Regis Park City Council approved the establishment of a 3-member Tree Board in 2014, appointing Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle and Mary Mattingly to the inaugural board.

Second Standard: Enact a Tree Care Ordinance. Modeling the ordinance after others in the state, the Mayor and City Council passed a tree care ordinance, initiating the process of protecting our tree canopy.

Third Standard: Allocate \$2 per capita to a community forestry program. St. Regis Park, in hiring Cindi Sullivan as our City Arborist, surveying city trees, and planting 88 trees in a year-and-a-half, dedicated approximately \$25 per capita in 2015 to our efforts, which we call **Re-Tree the Park**.

Fourth Standard: Proclaim and Observe Arbor Day. Last year we celebrated Arbor Day by presenting the results of our front-yard tree

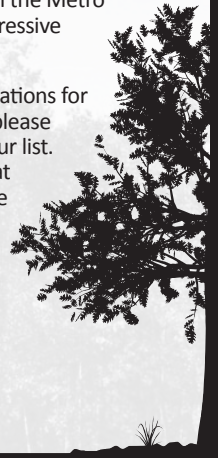
survey, playing games with the children, describing our efforts to citizens who attended, and raffling off a beautiful crepe myrtle. This year we are thrilled to announce that our Tree City award will be formally presented at the celebration on April 23rd, at 2 PM, in the Ascension cafeteria. We hope you will join us for the presentation, the awarding of an inaugural *Tree Hero Award* to a citizen/family supporting our efforts to maintain a healthy tree canopy, another ornamental tree raffle, the announcement of a year-long tree photo contest (Start photographing your tree in all four seasons!), activities for children, and refreshments.

Being named a Tree City is not the end—it is just the beginning of our efforts to maintain and add to our tree canopy. As I write this column, there is an article in *The Courier-Journal* (“City Struggles to Dig Out of Deep Tree Deficit”, James Bruggers, 2-29-16) about the City of Louisville’s efforts to add more trees to the canopy in the Metro area -- we feel we are leading the way with our progressive efforts!

We are happy to announce that we are taking applications for trees in **back yards** as well as front and side!!!! So please get in touch with us by the end of March to get on our list. You may email tree board member Mary Mattingly at mamattingly@outlook.com or call the city phone line at 654-8145 to leave your name, address, phone number, email address, and which part of your yard you hope to have a tree planted!

Please join us on April 23rd to celebrate our new status as a **Tree City USA**, and sign up now for your chance to help **Re-Tree the Park!**

The St. Regis Park Tree Board



PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

SPRING CLEANUP FOR SAFETY



The grass will soon be growing, the plants budding and the flowers and trees blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to the dreaded ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this “Spring Cleanup” a fire safe one, the following safety tips are provided:

- Clean your garage of stored newspapers, magazines or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum your smoke alarms every six months or as needed.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries to use for toys or other equipment.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house,
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.

- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as motor fuel – never as a cleaning agent.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from buildings, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don’t add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only – not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

If you have any questions or would like clarification of any safety tips or a free fire safety inspection of your home, call the **McMahan Fire Protection District at 491-4745**.

ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS! SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Neighborhood Block Watch Program

If you are not already on the City of St. Regis Park’s Block Watch List, send your name and email address to: stregispark@gmail.com .

Small City Activity Sheet



City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **February 2016**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Woodmont/Lincoln	3					2	1
Lynnbrook/Aintree	3	1				4	
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook				2		1	1
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	2					2	
Dannywood/Browns		3		1		4	
Browns/Lincoln		5		2		2	5
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven		1		1		1	1
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	1						1
Statton/Woodmont	2	2		4		3	5
Woodmont/St Regis	1			1		2	
St Regis Ln	1			2		2	1
Browns/Lowe	1			1		2	
Mt. Vernon	2	2		1		3	2
Total:	16	14	0	15	0	28	17
YTD Total:	19	25		16		35	25
Resident:	8	4		6		16	2
Non-Resident:	8	10		9		12	15
YTD- Resident	10	8		6		21	3
YTD-Non-Resident	9	17		10		14	22
TOTAL:	19	25	0	16	0	35	25

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle -
Stranded Motorist -
Council Meeting -
House Watch -7 (10 ytd)

Suspicious Person -
Foot Patrol -
Resident Contact - 1 (1 ytd)

Officer Assist -
Business Check - 37 (73 ytd)
Alarm -



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INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP PAY YOURSELF FIRST



The principle to pay yourself first has been referred to as the *Golden Rule of Personal Finance*. The concept is that one of the first checks you write each month is for your own savings. The rationale is that if there is no money left after a person pays their bills, there is

nothing to contribute to savings or investments that month.

By establishing a priority to save, a person realizes that the balance of their monthly income must cover living expenses and other discretionary spending. This is a much different strategy than saving what is left over from monthly expenses and other spending.

Many financial experts have likened an amortizing mortgage to a forced savings account because a portion of each payment is applied to the reduction of the principal amount owed. Some homeowners have taken that concept further with a shorter term mortgage to build equity faster.

A \$250,000 mortgage at 4% interest can be compared with two different terms. A 30 year mortgage would have payments of \$1,193.54 each month with the first payment having \$360.20

being applied to the principal. Each payment would have an increasingly larger amount applied to the principal.

A 15 year mortgage would have payments of \$1,849.22 each month with the first payment having \$1,015.89 being applied to the principal. The \$665.68 difference in payments goes toward reducing the loan amount and acts like a forced savings.

A homeowner might opt for the longer term and intend to put the difference in the two payments in a bank savings account each month or make an additional principal contribution to pay the mortgage down. However, as any person responsible for paying household bills knows, there will always be something that comes up that could hijack your intentions.

By committing to the shorter term mortgage, a borrower is continuing to make the higher payment each month and the benefit is that it will reduce your principal balance faster.

Remember, contact your real estate professional to evaluate the opportunities of making a move, and make certain you know the TRUE VALUE of your home BEFORE listing it for sale. A real estate professional has the training and experience to provide solutions to make homes more marketable and help structure favorable transactions.



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 491-4745 – Non-Emergency

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 Eric Shackelford, Finance – 379-7721
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 Kenneth Betts, Citation Officer – 664-2784

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