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Dear Fellow Residents:

The **Annual City-Wide Yard Sale** was once again a huge success. Each year it seems more and more residents participate. For the most part, traffic problems have been reduced. Still, some individuals choose to ignore the “No Parking” signs and suffer the consequences. However, most of the comments I received were quite favorable.

The **St. Regis Park Tree Board** continues to move forward. There have been 21 requests for trees to be planted this fall. In addition, 37 tree maintenance requests are in the works, and 7 checks have already been issued to residents for work completed.

Recently the debris and build-up between the sound barrier along I-64 and the wooden privacy fence was finally removed by the Kentucky Highway Department. This took a rather concerted effort on the part of a number of individuals. However, I want to extend a sincere “thank you” to three people in particular. Were it not for the efforts of **Council Member Louie Schweickhardt** and residents **Paul Mangum of Stormon Court** and **Joe Mudd of Hedgerow Court**, the process would no doubt have taken much longer.

There continue to be occasional “break-ins” of cars either parked on the street or in driveways. For the most part, these involve vehicles left unlocked. These “temptations” seem to provide would-be thieves and vandals with opportunities they can’t resist. The Louisville Metro Police Department advises the theft by unlawful taking of another’s property is a Class D felony punishable by 1 to 5 years in prison. LMPD offers the following tips to prevent auto thefts and thefts from inside your vehicle: **never leave your car running unattended** (it’s against the law); **park in well lit areas; never leave valuables on the front seat or in the view of others; always lock your car and roll up the windows; keep your garage door closed.** In addition, **leaving outside lights on after dark is a deterrent.** Remember, it only takes a few seconds to have your vehicle or valuables stolen. Protect your property by practicing good security. **LET’S KEEP ST. REGIS PARK SAFE.**

In closing, **Halloween** this year is on **Monday, October 31.** In recent years, some churches and service organizations have offered various versions of “Trunk or Treat.” Still, many children will participate in the traditional door-to-door “Trick or Treat.” While most 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. Drivers should remain ever vigilant. **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 2	ROSH HASHANA
OCTOBER 4	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
OCTOBER 9-15	FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 10	COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 11	YOM KIPPUR RECYCLING PICKUP
OCTOBER 17	BOSS’S DAY
OCTOBER 25	RECYCLING PICKUP
OCTOBER 27	NAVY DAY
OCTOBER 31	HALLOWEEN

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 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, September 6, 2016 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Davis opened the meeting with welcoming remarks. Because the City Engineer, Mr. Mel Milburn, was committed to also attend another meeting that evening, Mayor Davis requested Mr. Milburn proceed with the City Engineer's Report.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN

Mr. Milburn advised he was working with MSD on a blockage issue regarding the storm drain in front of 4308 St. Regis Lane. It was originally thought drainage occurred toward Browns Lane, however, MSD has discovered that apparently is not the case. The camera used in exploring the storm drain has been involved in another seemingly more pressing problem. Mr. Milburn will continue working with MSD until the issue is resolved.

Mr. Milburn distributed photographs of a section of sidewalk adjacent to the driveway at 2605 Foxy Poise Road. The manhole cover embedded in the sidewalk has sunk approximately one inch thus presenting a possible tripping hazard to those using the sidewalk. Mr. Milburn has been in contact with the homeowner. The apron of the driveway is also in need of repair. Discussion of the issue followed. The City will repair that section of the sidewalk in need of repair; however, any repairs to the driveway would be at the owners' expense. City Attorney John Singler advised no bidding of a contract was necessary since it was anticipated the cost to the City would be less than \$2,000. Mr. Milburn will be in further contact with the homeowner to coordinate the repairs. If both areas are repaired by the same contractor simultaneously, the costs to each might possibly be reduced even further.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Gloria Curran of the accounting firm Charles J. Veeneman, CPA presented the Financial Report for August 2016. General Fund revenues for the month were \$88,809.70 with year-to-date

revenues at \$97,554.26. Total expenses for the month were \$22,884.90 with year-to-date expenses at \$53,569.80 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$43,984.46.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,474.58 with year-to-date revenues at \$5,134.65. Total expenses were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$5,134.65. Ms. Curran also reviewed a handout regarding the status of the City's investments. All investments to date have shown a gain.

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

The City of St. Regis Park has initiated direct deposit of salary checks. Since those initial deposits had occurred the first of September, Mr. Graves inquired whether there were any problems. Ms. Curran advised the transition to direct deposit had gone smoothly, however, three Council Members had not yet completed the appropriate paperwork to participate. Those individuals will again be provided the necessary documents.

MINUTES:

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

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Mary Mattingly of the Tree Board attended the meeting and discussed the following:

- 21 residents are on the list for the fall tree plantings;
- 36 residents have applied for maintenance funding; 7 checks have already been issued by the City.

POLICE REPORT:

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

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

In August, Mr. Betts patrolled 119 miles, issued 13 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 8 complaints and conducted 24 house visits/communications.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

The State Highway Department has cleared the area between the sound barrier and the wooden privacy fence behind

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.

Hedgerow and Stormon Courts. Mr. Graves commended Mr. Schweickhardt on his efforts in that respect, and also wanted to commend two residents in particular for their efforts. Mr. Paul Mangum of Stormon Court and Mr. Joe Mudd of Hedgerow Court contributed significantly to prompting the State to clear the area in question which had not only become unsightly but presented a significant health hazard.

Mr. Schweickhardt has the “No Parking” signs to be posted on the sides of the streets where fire hydrants are located. These will be posted on Thursday evening, September 8, in anticipation of the upcoming City-Wide Yard Sale. Ms. Willett and Mr. Betts will coordinate with Kentuckiana Law Enforcement regarding traffic control.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

Mr. Allen again reminded all the next City event, the annual neighborhood yard sale, will be held this Saturday, September 10, 2016.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT (Absent)

No Report

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD

Permits for new fences have been issued at 4604 and 4418 Lincoln Road.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves has received several complaints about a residence on Foxy Poise Road. Mr. Betts will inspect the property and address the concerns.

FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD

No Report.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis and the Council discussed various issues concerning police scheduling and traffic control in the City. Mr. Betts will research recent incidences over the past 90 days and will provide the Council with a detailed report to include descriptions, times, frequencies, etc. Mayor Davis reminded those at the meeting it seems most cars being entered are parked in driveways or on the street and are unlocked. Locking vehicles and leaving outside lights on after dark deter crimes of opportunity.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Hoard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 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	9	7	78%
Talbott Allen	9	5	56%
Bob Graves	9	8	89%
Stephen Hoard	9	8	89%
Louie Schweickhardt	9	8	89%
Eric Shackelford	9	7	78%
Frank Wheatley	9	8	89%
Cheryl Willett	9	8	89%



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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 7th season on May 12 and will run through October 13. Just like last year, the market will be open 3:30 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

BRANCHING OUT

Just a couple of quick reminders this month:

1. Water your young trees! Just because we have had a fairly wet Spring and Summer, doesn't mean we haven't had dry spells. Keep filling your bag twice a week!
2. We have already had 36 maintenance requests; keep them coming in while we still have funds budgeted! Work must be completed by April 2017.
3. The deadline for requesting a new tree for your front, back, or side yard is October 1st. Email your requests to msmattingly@outlook.com or call 459-9047.
4. Enjoy the beautiful Fall color that is right around the corner!

*Your Tree Board and Arborist,
Jane, Joe, Mary and Cindi*



INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP TWO NEGOTIATIONS

There are two negotiation periods in home sales. The primary negotiation takes place when the contract is agreed upon that includes the price, closing and possession. Buyers and sellers alike feel relieved once the first round has resulted in an agreement but there may be many more negotiations to come if there are contingencies for financing, inspections or other things.

The purpose of an inspection is for the buyer to receive an objective evaluation about the condition of the home and its components and to identify existing defects and potential problems. The expense for inspections can be several hundred dollars, and it's reasonable for buyers to want to spend the money before they find out if they can come to terms with the seller. From a different perspective, sellers want to know quickly if the buyer is going to reject the home due to the inspections.

Sometimes, buyers will expect sellers to make all of the repairs listed on the report, and this is where the second round of negotiations begins. If the seller refuses, the negotiations can go back and forth until the other party accepts the offer on the table or the contract falls apart.

When purchasing a new home from a builder, it is expected for everything to be in working order; after all, it is new.

However, it is reasonable to expect that existing homes that are not new have a different standard. While it is understandable that buyers would want to be aware of major items that are not in working order, normal wear and tear of components based on its age should be expected.

In a highly competitive seller's market, buyers might do whatever they can to get their contract accepted, realizing that there is another place to negotiate when they're not competing with other buyers' offers to purchase. For this to be a "win-win" negotiation, both seller and buyer must feel good about the transaction. Neither party should feel they have been taken advantage of.

Make certain you know the **TRUE VALUE** of your home **before** listing it for sale. Consult a professional.



Small City Activity Sheet



City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **Aug 2016**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:							
Woodmont/Lincoln	1	1				2	
Lynnbrook/Aintree							
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook				1		1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	1						1
Dannywood/Browns	1	3				4	
Browns/Lincoln		4		3		1	6
4600 Block Lincoln		4				3	1
Browns/Brookhaven				2			2
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	3	3				4	2
Statton/Woodmont	3			3		2	4
Woodmont/St Regis							
St Regis Ln		2				1	1
Browns/Lowe	1	5	1			1	6
Mt. Vernon	1	4		3		8	
Total:	11	26	1	12	0	27	23
YTD Total:	72	131	2	64		128	129
Resident:	3	9		6		15	3
Non-Resident:	8	17	1	6		12	20
YTD- Resident	34	45		18		87	8
YTD-Non-Resident	38	86	2	36		41	121
TOTAL:	72	131	2	54	0	128	129

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (1 ytd)
 Stranded Motorist -
 Council Meeting - 1
 House Watch - 23 (50 ytd)

Suspicious Person - (5 ytd)
 Foot Patrol -
 Resident Contact - 1 (10 ytd)
 Trespassing - 1 (1 ytd)

Officer Assist - (1 ytd)
 Business Check - 43 (322 ytd)
 Alarm - (1 ytd)

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

“DON'T WAIT: CHECK THE DATE! REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS”

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 9 – 15



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced “DON'T WAIT: CHECK THE DATE! REPLACE SMOKE DETECTORS EVERY 10 YEARS” as the official theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2016. But did you ever wonder how Fire Prevention Week began?

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Commemorating a Conflagration

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself, people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

The “Moo” Myth

Like any good story, the case of the cow has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out, or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.

But if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have actually started the fire. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

The Biggest Blaze that Week

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire which also occurred on October 8, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area “like a tornado,” some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

Nine Decades of Fire Prevention

Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The commemoration grew incrementally official over the years.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS! SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

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