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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER January 2017



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Dear Fellow Residents:

2016 will draw to a close in just a few short weeks. On behalf of all the members of the St. Regis Park City Council and staff, I want to take a moment to wish our residents and friends a very Happy and Healthy New Year. May the dawn of 2017 bring with it the serenity and peace we all seek, as well as health to us all.

I also want to personally extend a grateful thank you to our **Council Members** and those who serve on the **Tree Board** for their dedication and perseverance. Similarly, each member of our **administrative staff** deserves our praise for their competence and professionalism.

We successfully achieved many of the goals we set for this past year. The City Council continued to demonstrate their commitment to fiscal responsibility. The property and sanitation tax rates remained virtually the same as in recent years with no decrease in services. Our finances are sound. The City continued to provide additional police protection for the security of our residents. Through the efforts of our Tree Board, St. Regis Park was awarded the coveted designation of **Tree City USA**. Over 150 new trees have been planted throughout the City and a tree maintenance program was introduced providing residents with partial reimbursement for expenses. Social events included what has become an **Annual Arbor Day Celebration**, the **Fourth of July observance**, the **city-wide yard sale** and the annual **Holiday Extravaganza** with **House Decorating Contests** – all community events which hopefully brought us closer together.

The **St. Regis Park Holiday Extravaganza** and **House Decorating Contests** have not yet occurred as of this writing. The winners will be announced in our next newsletter. Still, in driving through the City, I believe our residents are decorating more and more each year. Without question, the City of St. Regis Park truly has the **Holiday Spirit**. Our panel of impartial and independent judges will certainly have their work cut out for them.

Since winter conditions will soon be here, everyone should be aware of not only changes in driving conditions but also home safety. Use caution with candles, space heaters and fireplaces. Make sure your home has working smoke detectors.

In addition, based upon local forecasts, all residents are encouraged to park in their driveways and remove their vehicles from curbside so salting and snow plowing can be effective and so their vehicles are not buried in the snow. Street parking not only hampers snow removal, it also restricts access by emergency vehicles and sanitation trucks. Be a good neighbor. If severe weather is forecast, please remember not to park on the street. It can severely affect our efforts to clear the roadways.

It has truly been an enormous honor and privilege to have been able to continue to serve you this year with both its challenges and successes. I strongly believe in an open government and with providing our residents insight into future concerns. With your help and support, I pledge to continue to dedicate my energy to you and our community as we strive to build upon this past year and make the City of St. Regis Park an even better place to live.

Again, I wish you, your family and all those whom you love a **Happy and Healthy New Year 2017**.

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 3	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) RECYCLING PICKUP
JANUARY 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
JANUARY 17	RECYCLING PICKUP
JANUARY 31	RECYCLING PICKUP

** CHRISTMAS TREES MAY BE SET OUT ANY COLLECTION DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

** YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES MARCH 7, 2017

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
December 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, December 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, Frank Wheatley, Cheryl Willett.
Absent: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The November 2016 Financial Reports were earlier submitted electronically to all Council Members prior to the meeting. Ms. Gloria Curran of Charles J. Veeneman, C.P.A., reviewed the Financial and Investment Report. General Fund revenues for the month were \$31,254.95 with year-to-date revenues at \$315,178.08. Total expenses for the month were \$29,704.91 with year-to-date expenses at \$139,194.22 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$175,983.86.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,400.05 with year-to-date revenues at \$12,742.30. Total expenses were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$12,742.30

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$4,496.51.

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

MINUTES:

The November 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes were earlier transmitted to all Council Members electronically. Mr. Graves made a motion to approve those Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

TREE BOARD:

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

- 31 trees were planted during the Fall of 2016. The City has planted some 150 trees since the inception of the tree program.
- There have been 23 tree maintenance requests approximating reimbursements of \$7,500. To date, tree maintenance performed in St. Regis Park under the program has totaled \$23,629.00 of which \$6,538.00 has been reimbursed by the City. Some residents have had work performed but have not yet submitted their paperwork to the City.
- The City will re-apply for Tree City USA certification.
- Mayor Davis requested information on the grant the City of Louisville received for tree planting. This was apparently a gift from an anonymous donor. The tree program proposed by the City of Louisville only relates to trees on public property. Trees in parks fall under a separate program administered by Louisville's Parks Department.

POLICE REPORT:

The KLE Small City Activity Report for the month of November will be published in the January newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

Mr. Milburn will arrange for the sidewalk at 2605 Foxy Poise Road to be repaired in the spring of 2017.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

In November, Mr. Betts patrolled 93 miles, issued 9 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 3 complaints and conducted 15 house visits/communications.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

The present sanitation contract with Rumpke expires July 1, 2017. Mr. Singler will present the pre-bid information for the sanitation contract at the January 2017 meeting. Mayor Davis will contact Rumpke and request a contract extension with no price increase.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt said to his knowledge the storm drainage problem in the vicinity of 4308 St. Regis Lane had been successfully resolved by MSD. He was unaware of any further difficulties after several heavy rains.

**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.**

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

The annual Holiday Extravaganza celebration will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, at the St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane. Food, prizes and Santa will be present.

The House Decoration Contest judging will begin on Friday, December 16. All residents participating must have their houses decorated by that date.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

No Report.

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD

The resident at 4410 Lincoln Road had requested paperwork to construct a garage but to date no submittals have been made.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley presented the results of the recently conducted on-line police survey. The Council will review the results and discuss an action plan at the January meeting. The survey was submitted to the 204 resident email addresses on file with the City. 130 emails were opened. 77 completed the survey, with 17 others being partially completed.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

No Report.

FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD

No Report.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

Lori and Ray Weis attended the meeting but had no comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Ascension School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) requested to advertise their upcoming February Trivia night in the City's newsletter. Mr. Graves will publish the information at no charge on a one-time basis. Mr. Schweickhardt will provide Mr. Graves with the details in sufficient time for the February publication.

Mayor Davis and Mr. Singler administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members: Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, Louie Schweickhardt, Eric Shackelford, Jeff Weis, Frank Wheatley and Cheryl Willett. Mayor Davis thanked Mr. Hoard for his service to the City and welcomed Mr. Weis to the Council. All Council Members were instructed to complete the Financial Disclosure Statement and return it to City Hall.

The following Council Member responsibility changes were made and will become effective January 1, 2017:

- Mr. Shackelford will be in charge of Public Works.
- Mr. Schweickhardt will be in charge of Building Permits.
- Mr. Weis will be in charge of Finance.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Shackelford made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 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	12	10	83%
Talbott Allen	12	8	67%
Bob Graves	12	11	92%
Stephen Hoard	12	11	92%
Louie Schweickhardt	12	11	92%
Eric Shackelford	12	10	83%
Frank Wheatley	12	11	92%
Cheryl Willett	12	11	92%



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **Nov 2016**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:							
Woodmont/Lincoln	1	2				3	
Lynnbrook/Aintree							
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook				1		1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon		1				1	
Dannywood/Browns	1	2		2		4	1
Browns/Lincoln		2		1		1	2
4600 Block Lincoln		2				2	
Browns/Brookhaven	1					1	
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	1	1				2	
Statton/Woodmont	1					1	
Woodmont/St Regis	1						1
St Regis Ln							
Browns/Lowe		7		1		3	5
Mt. Vernon	2	3				4	1
Total:	8	20	0	5	0	23	10
YTD Total:	102	183	7	90	0	205	177
Resident:	6	8		4		18	
Non-Resident:	2	12		1		5	10
YTD- Resident	47	68	0	29		132	12
YTD-Non-Resident	55	115	7	61		73	165
TOTAL:	102	183	7	90	0	205	177

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (2 ytd)
 Stranded Motorist - (2 ytd)
 Council Meeting - 1
 House Watch - (51 ytd)

Suspicious Person - 1 (7 ytd)
 Foot Patrol -
 Resident Contact - (12 ytd)
 Trespassing - (1 ytd)

Officer Assist - (1 ytd)
 Business Check - 35 (391 ytd)
 Alarm - (1 ytd)

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

COLD WEATHER SAFETY



As temperatures drop, here are several tips to keep you and your loved ones safe.

PROTECT PEOPLE

- Keep warm. Stay inside if at all possible.
- If you need to go out, dress in layers and wear hats, gloves and an appropriate coat.

- Avoid overexertion as cold weather puts an added strain on your body, but try to stay active in order to maintain body heat.
- When your extremities feel numb, go inside to warm.
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water. Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes.
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.

PROTECT PETS

- Don't leave your pets outside when temperatures drop.
- Appropriate action should be taken for outdoor pets. Provide adequate protection from the cold temperatures or bring them indoors.
- Make sure your pet's water is not frozen.

PROTECT PIPES

- Wrap exposed faucets and pipes, including those outside the house. If you don't have the foam pipe coverings, a towel or rag and duct tape will do the trick.
- Let your indoor faucets drip.
- Open cabinets below sinks to allow the heat to circulate around the water pipes.
- Make sure you know where your home's shut-off valve is and how to turn it on and off. If a pipe bursts it could flood your home. Turn the water off at the shut-off valve.

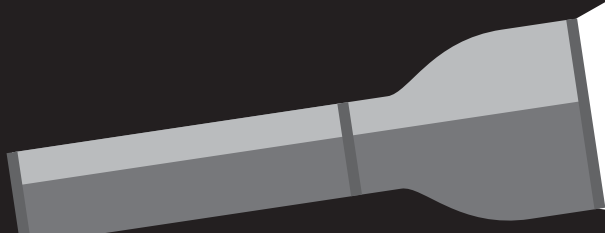
PROTECT PLANTS

- Bring your smaller container plants indoors. Mulch or cover outdoor plants with straw, blankets or cardboard.
- To prevent heat loss from sides of containers, push together large outdoor pots and wrap the bases with plastic, burlap or a blanket.
- Be sure to turn off automatic sprinklers, detach hoses from outdoor faucets and wrap the faucets to protect outdoor pipes.

**ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!
SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Neighborhood Block Watch Program

A graphic of a flashlight pointing towards the right, with its beam illuminating the text below.

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 .



TREE CITY USA

BRANCHING OUT

The Tree Board is so proud of our 31 beautiful new trees, bringing our total to over 150 plantings so far! Is your home next?

Email msmattingly@outlook.com to get on the spring planting or tree maintenance list!

We are also overjoyed with the amazing maintenance work our citizens have done this fall. So far, 23 homes have had \$23,000 worth of tree maintenance or dead-tree removal done, and we have reimbursed them approximately \$6500! We are most grateful to all those who are taking advantage of this generous and forward-thinking City of St. Regis Park Tree Program.

Cindi Sullivan thought that you might enjoy learning a little about the trees we have been planting over the last two plus years. We are developing a healthy variety of trees, which helps insulate us against a disease within any particular species. Enjoy this nice winter's read!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year from your St. Regis Park Tree Board and Arborist!

Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle, Mary Mattingly and Cindi Sullivan

NEW TREES PLANTED IN ST. REGIS PARK

Happidaze' Sweetgum

Liquidambar styraciflua is the botanical name of this shade tree. It is a low-maintenance, native tree. It typically grows to 60'-80' tall with a straight trunk. The common name of sweet gum refers to an aromatic balsam or gum that exudes from wounds to the tree. 'Happidaze' is a fruitless cultivar that will not produce the nuisance, spiny "gum ball" fruit.

Willow Oak

Also known as *Quercus phellos*, the willow oak is a medium to large, deciduous tree of the red oak group. It has a typical oak tree shape, willow-like leaves and relatively fast growth rate. Willow oak typically grows 40'-75' tall with an oval to rounded crown.

Zelkova

Zelkova serrata, commonly called **Japanese zelkova**, is a medium to large deciduous tree, typically growing to 50'-80' tall with a spreading, generally upward-branching, vase-shaped crown. It is native to Japan, Taiwan and eastern China. It is noted for its graceful shape, clean foliage, attractive bark and resistance to Dutch elm disease.

'Wildfire' Black Gum

The botanical name for this tree is *Nyssa sylvatica*, it is commonly known as black gum, sour gum, or black tupelo. It is a slow-growing, native tree which occurs in a wide range of soils. It is a stately tree with a straight trunk and rounded crown (more pyramidal when young) that typically grows 30'-50' tall.

'Exclamation' London Plane

Platanus x acerifolia is the botanical name of this tree. **London Planetree** is a hybrid cross between **American Sycamore** and **Oriental Planetree**. **Exclamation** develops a strong central leader, a uniform upright pyramidal shape when young, a vigorous growth rate, and is highly resistant to both anthracnose and powdery mildew diseases. Mature height is approximately 60 feet tall and 45 feet broad.

Tulip Poplar

The **Tulip Poplar** or **Tulip Tree** is botanically known as *Liriodendron tulipifera*. It is actually more closely related to the Magnolia than either a Tulip or a Poplar. The reference to tulips comes from the shape of the greenish yellow and orange flowers. **Tulip Poplar** is currently the state tree of Kentucky.

Swamp White Oak

Swamp White Oak or *Quercus bicolor* is a medium sized, deciduous tree with a broad, rounded crown and a short trunk which typically grows at a moderate rate to a height of 50'-60'.

Serviceberry

Amelanchier arborea, commonly called **Downy Serviceberry**, is a deciduous, early-flowering, large shrub or small tree which typically grows 15'-25' tall in cultivation but can reach 40' in the wild. Edible berries resemble blueberries in size and color and are often used in jams, jellies and pies. *Amelanchiers* are commonly called **Juneberries**.

Yellowwood

The wood of this tree contains a yellow dye that distinctively colors the heartwood and gives rise to the common name of **Yellowwood**. 'Perkins Pink' is an uncommon pink-flowered cultivar that was originally discovered in the 1930s at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts.

American Hornbeam

Carpinus caroliniana is the botanical name of this tree. It is one of our native trees with beautiful blue gray bark that becomes fluted and sinewed with age-which is why some people call it a **Musclewood Tree**.



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INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP GIFT OR INHERITANCE – DOES IT MATTER?

A person called into a radio talk program with a situation that was troubling to the caller and disturbing based on the potential tax liability that might have been avoided.

The caller's elderly father had deeded his home to his daughter a few years earlier because in his mind his daughter was going to get the home eventually and this would be one less thing to be taken care of after his death. The daughter didn't really care because the father was going to continue to live in the home and take care of it so that it would be no expense to her.

Obviously, unknown to either of them, transferring the title of a home from one person to another could have significant tax implications. In this case, when the father "gave" the home to his daughter, he also gave her the basis in the home which is basically what he paid for it. If she sells the home in the future, the gain will be the difference in the net sales price and her father's basis which could be considerably higher than had she inherited it.

If the home was purchased for \$75,000 and worth \$250,000 at the time of transfer, there is a possible gain of \$175,000. However, when a person inherits property, the basis is "stepped up" to fair market value at the time of the decedent's death. If the adult child had inherited the property at the time of the parent's death, their new basis would be \$250,000 or the fair market value at the time of death and the possible gain would be zero.

In most cases, there are less tax consequences with inheritance than with a gift. There are other factors that may come into play but being aware that there is a difference between a gift and inheritance is certainly an important warning flag that would indicate that expert tax advice should be sought before any steps are taken.

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





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ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,
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½ page	\$1000/year	\$500/six months
Full Page	\$1800/year	\$900/six months



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