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Dear Fellow Residents:

The **Holiday Extravaganza** and the **House Decoration Contest** had not yet occurred when last month's newsletter went to the printer. A special thank you to **Councilman Talbott Allen** for spearheading the **2016 Holiday Extravaganza**. He and **Councilwoman Cheryl Willett** did a magnificent job organizing what I believe was the best holiday party ever.

I mentioned in my last column that I thought more residents had decorated for the holidays this past season than ever before. **The House Decoration Contest** consisted of three categories, the winner of each receiving a \$200 gift card. Independent judging was done by fire crews of the **McMahan Fire Protection District** who on several occasions physically observed every residence in the City of St. Regis Park. I want to offer my sincere appreciation to all those who participated – the residents, the judges and the organizers.

The winner of the **Best Traditional Home** was **4512 Lincoln Road**, and the **Most Creative Award** was won by **4517 Mount Vernon Road**. **The Clark Griswold Award** was given to **4423 Saint Regis Lane**. My congratulations to all those who spent considerable time and effort creating their displays. Our residents continue to raise the standards each year. Again, my congratulations to the winners.

While most everyone seems to enjoy the holiday displays, I am saddened to report we have at least one **Grinch** in the neighborhood. It is my understanding the electrical wires to one outside display were deliberately cut on three separate occasions. Steps have been taken to insure that should such acts of vandalism occur in the future, those involved will be prosecuted.

2017 promises to be another great year for our City. Our **Re-Tree the Park** plan has become the envy of cities throughout Greater Louisville. In addition, the City Council and I remain committed to the important issues of public safety, fiscal responsibility, the maintenance of our infrastructure and the accessibility and transparency in our City government. In the days, weeks, months and years ahead, I look forward to conversations about our residents' ideas and suggestions, and to moving together toward a vision of our community's future.

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

FEBRUARY 1	NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY
FEBRUARY 2	GROUNDHOG DAY
FEBRUARY 7	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
FEBRUARY 12	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 14	VALENTINE'S DAY RECYCLING PICKUP
FEBRUARY 18	ASCENSION TRIVIA NIGHT (ASCENSION GYM @ 6:30 PM)
FEBRUARY 20	PRESIDENTS' DAY
FEBRUARY 22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 28	MARDI GRAS RECYCLING PICKUP

** YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES MARCH 7, 2017

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2017

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The December 2016 Financial Report was earlier transmitted electronically to all Council Members prior to the meeting. Mr. Charles J. Veeneman, C.P.A., City Accountant, reviewed the Financial and Investment Reports for December 2016. General Fund revenues for the month were \$5,456.31 with year-to-date revenues at \$320,634.39. Total expenses for the month were \$46,845.65 with year-to-date expenses at \$186,039.87 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$134,594.52.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,404.89 with year-to-date revenues at \$15,147.19. Total expenses were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$15,147.19.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$5,396.38.

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

The Council reviewed the investments and discussed moving funds to invest \$75,000.00 in asset backed securities and \$25,000.00 in a certificate of deposit through Fifth Third Securities. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve those investments. It was seconded by Mr. Shackelford. The motion passed with Mr. Graves dissenting.

Mr. Graves requested information on the Mineral Severance and Coal Taxes revenues that are budgeted but have not been received to date. Mr. Singler will contact the State to determine the status of that program.

MINUTES:

Prior to the meeting, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 6, 2016 were transmitted electronically to all Council Members. Mr. Graves made a motion to approve those Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schweickhardt, and it passed without dissent.

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Jane Ecker, representing the St. Regis Park Tree Board, discussed the following:

- The Tree City USA application was submitted for renewal.
- Tree City USA signs and banners may be purchased in the future based on recommendations and pricing from the Tree Board.

Mr. Graves requested residents with water bags on the trees purchased by the City be reminded to remove the bags during the winter months. Ms. Ecker will make arrangements to get that information to the residents involved.

Mayor Davis provided his thought for developing a vision for the City of St. Regis Park spanning the next three to five years. Council Members were encouraged to provide their input.

Mr. Graves made a motion to change the Tree Board ordinance to allow for members of the Tree Board to be compensated. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion. It passed with Mr. Weis dissenting. Mr. Singler will draft the revised ordinance to allow for \$100.00 per month to be paid to each member of the Tree Board. A first reading of the revised ordinance will be held at the February Council Meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

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

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

No report.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

In December, Mr. Betts patrolled 98 miles, issued 9 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 7 complaints and conducted 4 house visits/communications.

Mr. Betts requested the City purchase an iPad Pro to use for tracking of citations and database input. Following an extensive discussion, Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the purchase of the City owned equipment at the cost of \$629.99. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion, and it passed with Mr. Allen, Mr. Wheatley and Ms. Willett dissenting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler presented a draft of the sanitation bid specifications that will be issued in February. Council Members will review the draft and offer input for the bid.

The Council discussed the following possible changes to the sanitation service and asked for input from residents prior to bidding:

- Offer curbside pickup only and discontinue the rear door pickup service.
- Offer recycling pickup every week.

Mr. Singler had contacted Rumpke prior to the meeting requesting an extension to the current contract and pricing. However, Rumpke was unable to commit to that request at this time.

BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

A permit was issued for an addition of a screened-in porch at 2710 Foxy Poise Road.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN, MAYOR PRO TEM

The holiday decoration contest winners were selected by independent judges who were not residents of St. Regis Park. The winners were:

- Best Traditional Home: 4512 Lincoln Road*
- Most Creative Home: 4517 Mount Vernon Road*
- Clark Griswold Award: 4423 Saint Regis Lane*

The information will also be published in the February newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD

No Report.

Mr. Graves requested the City Engineer, Mr. Milburn, attend the February Council Meeting to provide updates on the following issues:

- Sidewalk repair on Foxy Poise Road
- Storm water drainage on St. Regis Lane

Mr. Shackelford will also follow-up with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) regarding the St. Regis Lane drainage issue.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

No Report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: BOB GRAVES

No Report.

FINANCE: JEFF WEIS

Mr. Weis will work with the City Accountant to establish guidelines for reconciling the monthly bank statements.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A family member of a recently deceased resident requested the penalty and interest be waived on their 2016-2017 tax bill. Mr. Wheatley made a motion to waive the penalty and interest if the face amount is paid within 10 days. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Wheatley mentioned several instances of residents parking in their yards and of an inoperative motor vehicle. The Citation Officer will follow-up accordingly.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Schweickhardt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 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.

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.



BRANCHING OUT

Spring 2017 is just around the corner (we promise!) and we hope St. Regis Park residents will once again be planting trees. Our maintenance program will also be available to residents once again. Remember, trees are planted in front or back yards at no cost to the homeowner. Tree maintenance can be for front or back yard trees with reimbursement of 40% up to \$500. Email Mary Mattingly at msmattingly@outlook.com to apply for either program.

When spring does arrive, many people make plans to apply fertilizer to their lawns. Fertilizing is usually not necessary for trees. Trees with root growth under lawns treated regularly by the broadcast method of application benefit as the fine feeder roots near the surface utilize the grass fertilizer as it seeps into the soil. However, there are two dangers to avoid: (1) fertilizer mixes that contain herbicides should be used sparingly, if at all, within the root zones of trees and (2) fertilizers that are high in nitrogen should be avoided around very young trees and mature trees. Excessive nitrogen fertilization can lead to certain pest problems and can leach into ground water. (*Tree City USA Bulletin No.5-Arbor Day Foundation*)

We have re-applied for *Tree City USA* designation. The State Forester has approved our application and it has been forwarded to the Arbor Day Foundation. Thanks to the residents of St. Regis Park for making 2016 another very successful year for planting and caring for trees!

Your St. Regis Park Tree Board and Arborist,
Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle, Mary Mattingly and Cindi Sullivan



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **Dec 2016**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Woodmont/Lincoln	2					1	1
Lynnbrook/Aintree							
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook							
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	3					3	
Dannywood/Browns		2		1		2	1
Browns/Lincoln		2		1		2	1
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven		1					1
Rockwood				1		1	
Dannywood/Woodmont	2	1				1	2
Statton/Woodmont	2	1					3
Woodmont/St Regis	1					1	
St Regis Ln		2		1		2	1
Browns/Lowe	1	3		1		2	3
Mt. Vernon	2	2				3	1
Total:	13	14	0	5	0	18	14
YTD Total:	115	197	7	95	0	223	191
Resident:	4	5		1		9	1
Non-Resident:	9	9		4		9	13
YTD- Resident	51	73	0	30		141	13
YTD-Non-Resident	64	124	7	65		82	178
TOTAL:	115	197	7	95	0	223	191

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (2 ytd)	Suspicious Person - (7 ytd)	Officer Assist - 1 (2 ytd)
Stranded Motorist - (2 ytd)	Foot Patrol -	Business Check - 40 (431 ytd)
Council Meeting - 1	Resident Contact - (12 ytd)	Alarm - (1 ytd)
House Watch - 10 (61 ytd)	Trespassing - (1 ytd)	

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

WINTER SAFETY



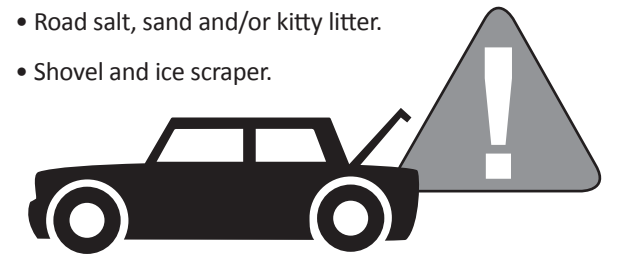
8 simple cold weather tips that can keep you and your home safe:

1. Make sure all appliances and heating equipment, such as a furnace, water heater or stove, are inspected and operating properly, and operate all pieces of equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Never use stoves, ovens or outdoor grills as a source of heat.
3. Provide adequate ventilation when using fireplaces or unvented space heaters.
4. If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
5. If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away from things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.
6. Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed. Using secondary heating sources, such as space heaters, can increase the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.
7. Protect your pipes – run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children.

8. Check your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors to insure they are operating properly.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY CAR KIT

- Charged cell phone and portable charger.
- Snack food and water (for each passenger and pet).
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Radio and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Basic tool kit.
- Jumper cables, emergency flares and flags.
- Warm clothes and blankets.
- Road salt, sand and/or kitty litter.
- Shovel and ice scraper.



**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.

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP FACTS OR MYTHS

“It’s impossible to get low down payment loans” – MYTH!

FHA down payments are 3.5% and VA is 0%. In some cases, there may be some 0% down payment USDA loans available. FNMA and Freddie Mac have 3% down payment programs.

“It takes perfect credit to get a loan” – MYTH!

There is a relationship of better rates to better credit but many issues on a credit report can be explained or corrected. The way to know for sure is to speak to a reliable lender.

“If I’ve had a bankruptcy or foreclosure, I can’t qualify” – MYTH!

Credit history following a bankruptcy or foreclosure is very important and there can be extenuating circumstances. It only takes a few moments with a reliable lending professional to find out if your individual situation will allow you to qualify for a new mortgage.

“Getting pre-approved is expensive” – MYTH!

Usually, the only expense to getting pre-approved is the cost of the credit report which could be around \$35. The advantage is that you will know that you qualify for a particular mortgage amount.

“I should wait to qualify until I find a home” – MYTH!

It can take weeks to qualify for a mortgage especially if there are issues that need to be corrected. The best interest rates are only available for the highest credit scores. It is to your advantage to start the qualifying process early in your home search.

“All lenders are the same” – MYTH!

Reliable lending professionals will explain the entire process before collecting fees, quote fees up-front, have competitive products, do what is necessary to get the loan approved and close at the locked rate and terms. Ask for recommendations from recent borrowers.

“Adjustable rate mortgages are more expensive than fixed rate mortgages” – MYTH!

Adjustable rate mortgages can be less expensive than fixed rate mortgages if the buyer’s circumstances warrant it. If a buyer is only going to be in a home for a few years before selling, it can be determined if an ARM loan will result in the lowest way to finance the property. There are many variables and you need to be aware of them before deciding which type of loan to finance your home purchase.

Buyers and sellers need solid information to make good decisions. Contact a real estate professional with your questions or to get a recommendation of a reliable lender who can give you the real facts.

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



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FEBRUARY

GROUNDHOG DAY (February 2): According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from his burrow on that day, then the spring season will arrive early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its den, and winter weather will persist for six more weeks.

VALENTINE'S DAY (February 14): Also called St. Valentine's Day or the Feast of St. Valentine, is an annual holiday celebrated on February 14. It originated as a Western Christian liturgical feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus. It is recognized as a significant cultural and commercial celebration in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

PRESIDENTS' DAY (February 20): Washington's Birthday is a United States federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first President of the United States, born February 22, 1732. It can occur on the 15th through the 21st of February inclusive. The day is now celebrated as Presidents' Day and is an occasion to remember all United States Presidents, not just George Washington.



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Kenneth Betts, Citation Officer – 664-2784

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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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