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Dear Fellow Residents:

Warmer weather, kids out of school and longer days remind us all summer is on its way. Summer is always a great time in our City, a time to simply sit outside and enjoy living in **St. Regis Park**.

Speaking of summer, I want to make sure all residents, especially new ones, know about the **Upper Highlands Swim Club**, 2413 Parkdale Avenue (502-709-4144), **opening Saturday, May 27**. Upper Highlands is a member owned and operated facility. I also want everyone to be aware of another tremendous recreational asset to **St. Regis Park**, the **Oxmoor Country Club**, 9000 Limehouse Lane (502-491-7877). I personally considerate it a privilege to live in a City with such outstanding neighboring facilities.

The **St. Andrew Farmers' Market**, 2608 Browns Lane, **opened** for its eighth season **on May 11**. The market will be **open 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm every Thursday through October 12 – rain or shine**. What a great way to support the local economy!

Congratulations to the City of **St. Regis Park Tree Board – Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle and Mary Mattingly**. **They've done an outstanding job, along with our Consulting Arborist, Cindi Sullivan!** The City's **3rd annual Arbor Day celebration** was another success. Cindi gave a short presentation and conducted a question and answer session with residents. This celebration continues to grow year after year.

Another annual neighborhood celebration is fast approaching. **The Church of the Ascension Summer Festival** will be held on the parish grounds, 4600 Lynnbrook Drive, on **June 2 and 3**. Back by popular demand is the Saturday dinner of smoked BBQ pork and chicken with all the sides. For additional information and raffle tickets, contact the parish office (502-451-3860).

I mentioned last month the **McMahan Fire Protection District**, 4318 Taylorsville Road, would be conducting **CPR certification classes**. Those will be held at the fire station on **Saturday, June 10th, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**, and on **Saturday, July 8th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**. For additional information, contact **Councilman Eric Shackelford** (502-299-9859).

One final item: I'm often asked by residents who to contact if they have a problem. If you need help with **a service NOT covered by the City of St. Regis Park (animals or insects; business concerns; drainage and flooding; MSD issues; parks and trails; property maintenance outside St. Regis Park; sewer related issues; other non-emergency issues) contact Metro Louisville's 311 Call Center**. The status of your request is recorded under a tracking number and routed to the appropriate agency. You need to know the tracking number to ask about a previous request. **Metrocall 311** is available **Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm**.

For **non-emergency issues within St. Regis Park (building and construction; sanitation and recycling; property maintenance; streets and sidewalks; complaints about our City services or the lack thereof) contact the St. Regis Park City Hall (502-654-8145)**. You will receive a prompt response to your inquiry.

As always, the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live. Together, we will make it even better!

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 2-3	ASCENSION SUMMER FESTIVAL
JUNE 6	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) RECYCLING PICKUP
JUNE 10	CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 2:00 PM)
JUNE 14	FLAG DAY
JUNE 18	FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 20	RECYCLING PICKUP
JUNE 21	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 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, May 2, 2017, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Jeff Weis.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Davis is researching the purchase of safety yard signs and will contact Cadillac Sign to obtain additional information.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charles J. Veeneman, CPA, City Accountant, presented the Financial and Investment Report for April 2017. General Fund revenues for the month were \$2,501.10 with year-to-date revenues at \$368,104.40. Total expenses for the month were \$20,248.38 with year-to-date expenses at \$269,607.47 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$98,496.93.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,319.92 with year-to-date revenues at \$24,606.62. Total expenses were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$2,850.00 resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$21,756.62.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the April 2017 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Veeneman reviewed the 2016-2017 Financials and did not project any budget exceedances that would require an amended budget for the current fiscal year.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$9,371.78.

MINUTES:

Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

The KLE Small City Activity Report for the month of April 2017 will be published in the June newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

The sidewalk at 2605 Foxy Poise Road will be repaired by the City. The residents have opted not to repair the driveway apron at this time.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: STEPHEN HOARD

In April, Mr. Hoard patrolled 45 miles and issued twenty-nine (29) Hi-Neighbor notices. Major issues of concern during the month discussed at the meeting:

- Illegal burning at a residence on Hedgerow Court.
- Graffiti on the wall behind properties on Hedgerow Court and at the Lowe Road curve.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler presented the 1st Reading of **Ordinance 1, 2017-2018, Ad Valorem and Sanitation Tax**. Based on a review of the PVA compensating rate and the proposed 2017-2018 budget, the ad valorem tax will be 0.118 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value and the sanitation tax will be \$190.80 per household. Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of **Ordinance 1, 2017-2018**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheatley, and it passed without dissent.

After Council review and comments regarding the proposed budget for 2017-2018, Mr. Singler presented the 1st Reading of **Ordinance 2, 2017-2018, Fiscal Budget**. Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of **Ordinance 2, 2017-2018**. Ms. Willett seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent. Copies of the approved ordinances will be published in the July 2017 newsletter after the 2nd Reading that will occur at the June meeting.

A summary of the HB 246 lawsuit was presented by Mr. Singler. The case is moving forward with another hearing scheduled within the next 30 days. At the current time, the Jefferson County League-of-Cities (JCLC) has enough resources to cover the legal fees from contributions from the small cities.

BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

The resident at 2815 Milburn has requested a variance to extend his garage 16 feet. The Council discussed the variance and requested additional time to research the request. A determination will be made at the June 2017 meeting.

Mr. Graves requested that renovations being made to a porch on Mount Vernon Road be inspected to determine if a letter of compliance is required. Mr. Schweickhardt will inspect the property and ensure the resident is in compliance.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD

Mr. Shackelford is working on the following projects:

- The City street signs have been inspected and the City will contract with a sign company to replace the faded or damaged signs. This will be an on-going project.
- The contractor that painted the address curbs has been contacted to repair the existing problems from the project that occurred last year. The City has no plans to repaint the curbs during the next fiscal year.
- MSD has been contacted regarding flooding on Hedgerow Court during heavy rains.
- Mr. Schweickhardt presented an issue with flooding behind a home on Foxy Poise Road near the sound barrier wall. MSD will be contacted to clear debris from the storm drain.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley will contact Oxmoor Country Club and request approval to mount the *Tree City USA* sign on the wooden fence on Lowe Road.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

No Report.

FINANCE: JEFF WEIS (Absent)

Mr. Weis was not in attendance but did report there were no issues with the bank reconciliations for February and March of 2017.

TREE BOARD:

Mr. Joe Hinkle, representing the St. Regis Park Tree Board, discussed the following:

- The 2017 Arbor Day City Celebration held at Ascension on Saturday, April 22, had a good turnout.
- The Tree Board continues to receive requests for tree plantings and maintenance.
- The Tree Board recognized the Mayor and City Council for their continued support. Certificates were presented to the Mayor and each member of the Council.
- The Council and Citation Officer discussed properties that had tree stumps in their yards and agreed the removal of the

stumps would fall under the tree maintenance guidelines for reimbursement.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

The **Little Library** box has been delivered to Ascension and Mr. Jason Lewis, who resides on Foxy Poise Road, will install the box on the church property at the corner of Lynnbrook Drive and Aintree Way.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis has received numerous complaints about an aggressive dog(s) on Lincoln Road. He has contacted Louisville Metro Animal Control and still has concerns. Mr. Singler discussed the requirements that would be necessary to move forward with filing a suit against the property owners. Mayor Davis will forward the information he has received to Mr. Singler for future action. Mayor Davis and Mr. Hoard will make contact with the property owners to discuss their concerns.

McIntyre & Wooldridge, PSC, submitted a proposal to conduct the 2016-2017 Financial Audit. Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the audit proposal. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Wheatley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 2017

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	5	5	100%
Talbott Allen	5	5	100%
Bob Graves	5	5	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	5	4	80%
Eric Shackelford	5	3	60%
Jeff Weis	5	4	80%
Frank Wheatley	5	4	80%
Cheryl Willett	5	5	100%



TREE CITY USA

BRANCHING OUT

It's fully Spring now, even though our weather continues to play up-and-down tricks on us! Our Arbor Day celebration was fabulous, and we thank everyone who participated. We think your neighbors would all recommend that **YOU** join us next year. Our celebration had many highlights: The first was the announcement that we had been honored as a **Tree City USA** for the second year. Thanks to your support, we are improving the tree canopy of St. Regis Park through new plantings and the maintenance of our older trees!

Second, we honored our Mayor and City Council as our **2017 Tree Heroes!** Without their initiative and financial support, there would be no St. Regis Park Tree Board, no tree plantings, no maintenance reimbursement, and no **Tree City USA** designation! Thank you for three years of great work!

Our main work of the day fell to our fabulous Consulting Arborist, Cindi Sullivan, who answered citizens' questions. Highlights included reminders to keep up with issues affecting your particular trees—Emerald Ash disease,

Maple borers, root problems, the need to prune, etc. Cindi also reminded us to cut away and treat appropriately **ALL** vines growing up trees. They are **NEVER** good for your tree, stealing nutrition and damaging your tree. Finally, she reminded us of her **3 x 3 x 3** rule of mulching trees. Spread **three** inches of mulch, **three** feet around relatively small trees, leaving **three** inches free around the trunk for the tree to breathe. Coning of mulch is very harmful to trees, as a recent article in the *Courier-Journal* pointed out.

As we closed out our Arbor Day celebration, we drew a name for our annual ornamental tree giveaway. Lynn Amback of Lincoln Road won, and Cindi will be looking for a Japanese Maple for her!

Look for new trees sometime in May, and continue to send us your tree planting and maintenance requests.

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

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Lower the Rate - Deduct the Interest

Credit card debt in America is back to levels prior to the recession. The average credit card APR is just under 16% according to CreditCards.com Weekly Credit Card Report. Homeowners have an advantage over renters when it comes to getting their arms around debt issues.

Basic money management suggests that higher rate debt be replaced with lower rate debt. Credit cards, personal cars, boats, motor vehicles and other personal property typically have interest rates higher than that of real estate loans.

Borrowing against a person's home usually provides the lowest rate of financing. Refinancing a home mortgage to take cash out to retire personal debt is one option. Another would be to secure a home equity or HELOC, home equity line of credit.

An alternative advantage of borrowing against one's home is that the interest may be tax deductible unlike the interest on most personal debt. Qualified mortgage interest includes acquisition debt which can only be used to buy, build or improve a principal residence and up to \$100,000 of home equity debt which can be

used for any purpose.

Managing money is a critical life skill that people need to master. While the goal may be to become debt-free, paying the least amount of interest possible can be a good first step. Owning a home provides an asset that allows for options not available to tenants. Seek professional advice to determine your best course of action.

Buyers and sellers need solid information to make good decisions. Contact a real estate professional with your questions. Make certain you know the **TRUE VALUE** of your home **before** listing it for sale.



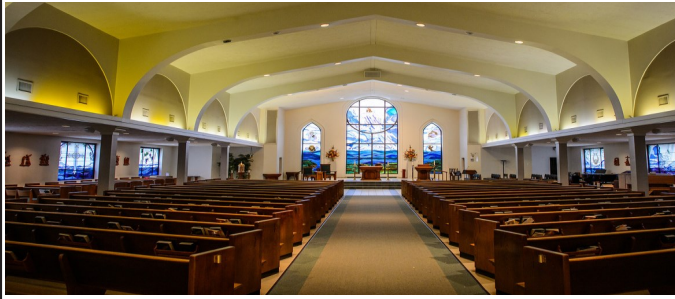


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ST. ANDREW FARMERS' MARKET

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The St. Andrew Farmers' Market opened for its 8th season on May 11 and will run through October 12. Just like last year, the market will be open 3:00 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.



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2413 PARKDALE AVENUE
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CPR CERTIFICATION CLASSES

The City of St. Regis Park and the McMahan Fire Protection District are offering CPR Certification Classes on **Saturday, June 10, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, and **Saturday, July 8, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, at the McMahan Fire Station, 4318 Taylorsville Road.



For additional information and registration, contact
Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief, at
pwalsh@mcmahanfire.com (491-4745) or
Councilman Eric Shackelford at
James.e.shackelford10.mil@mail.mil (299-9859).



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Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 671-9469
 Stephen Hoard, Citation Officer – 931-7004

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ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,
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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.