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# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER August 2017



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Dear Fellow Residents:

**Independence Day** is traditionally observed in the **City of St. Regis Park** by more than 600 American flags being placed throughout the City with at least one in front of each residence. For several years, this rather daunting task of placement and retrieval has been overseen by **Councilman Louie Schweickhardt** with the able assistance of his team of volunteers: **Talbott and Connie Allen and family, Bud and Judy Campbell, Julie Ernst, Laura, Jason, Avery, Alden and Ted Lewis, Eric Shackleford, Kelly and Sam Schweickhardt, Jeff Weis, and Cheryl Willett. Our sincere thanks to each of you for a job well done!**

For the most part, our residents do a great job maintaining the general appearance of St. Regis Park. However, have you ever seen a neighbor or lawn care company blow grass clippings into the street or leave them on the sidewalk as though they might magically disappear? I know I have.

Blowing grass clippings into the street or leaving them on sidewalks and curbs not only create eyesores detracting from the appearance of our City, they are detrimental to public safety as well as the health and general welfare of our community. When grass clippings and other debris wash down into the storm drains during rains, they can clog the drainage systems and cause local flooding. Picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly into our streams. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), grass clippings contain phosphorus, one of the most troublesome pollutants and the primary cause of water quality problems.

If there are grass clippings on the street, sidewalk or curb, I urge you to use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back onto the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or down the storm drains. **Be a good neighbor. Grass clippings – bag them or recycle them – don’t just blow them away.**

One final point. While it may seem like summer just began, schools will resume in about a month. Did you know that **motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for children 14 years of age or younger?** In fact, **every day** in the United States **approximately 3 children are killed in motor vehicle accidents**, and on average, an estimated **500 children are injured daily. Motor vehicles kill more children than any disease.**

Several steps are being considered by the City Council to **“SLOW DOWN”** the traffic and make our City safer for us all. In the very near future you will see signs stating **“DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS LIVE HERE.”** For additional information on this campaign, I urge you to visit **[drivelikeyourkidslivehere.com](http://drivelikeyourkidslivehere.com)** . If you are interested in placing one of these signs in your yard, please contact City Hall (654-8145). **Together we can make a difference and most importantly, SAVE AN INNOCENT CHILD’S LIFE.**

**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

- AUGUST 1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
(MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
- AUGUST 2 INVASION OF KUWAIT  
OPERATION DESERT SHIELD (1990)
- AUGUST 7 PURPLE HEART DAY  
AUGUST 14 V-J DAY (1945)

## RECYCLING PICKUP IS NOW WEEKLY

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**CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 5, 2017**

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 5, 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, Jeff Weis, Cheryl Willett.

Absent: None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Davis requested the purchase of 25 "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs for \$225.00. Once received, the signs will be placed throughout the City.
- Mayor Davis requested the Council review the speed radar sign information and see if there is any interest in purchasing. The solar powered radar signs are similar to the signs on Willis Avenue in St. Matthews. The cost is approximately \$3,800.00 each.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Charles J, Veeneman, CPA, City Accountant, presented the Financial and Investment Report for June 2017. General Fund revenues for the month were \$3,783.94 with year-to-date revenues at \$397,307.67. Total expenses for the month were \$32,481.16 with year-to-date expenses at \$325,848.46 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$71,459.21.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,331.32 with year-to-date revenues at \$29,425.82. Total expenses were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$2,850.00 resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$26,575.82.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$12,832.89.

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

Mr. Weis made a motion to purchase a two (2) year

\$100,000.00 CD through Fifth Third Securities. Mr. Allen seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Hodapp stated there was an error in the Road Fund year-to-date excess revenue figure in the July 2017 minutes. The typo had no bearing on the reported financials.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 6, 2017 with Mr. Hodapp's correction noted above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shackelford, and it passed without dissent.

**POLICE REPORT:**

LMPD Officer Michael Trevino was present representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE). The KLE Small City Activity Report for the month of June will be published in the August newsletter.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)**

No Report.

**CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: STEPHEN HOARD**

In June, Mr. Hoard patrolled 50 miles and issued eighteen (18) Hi-Neighbor notices. Issues of concern discussed at the meeting:

- Solicitors
- High grass
- Illegal parking

Mr. Hoard and Mayor Davis will review several properties that continuously violate the ordinances and discuss the next step to address those issues.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER**

Mr. Singler reviewed the recent HB 246 legal decisions and estimates the case will be settled by the fall of 2017.

**BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT**

No Report.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN**

No Report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT**

Ms. Willett provided information on the City Directory. At

**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.**

this time, the Mayor and Council would prefer to publish a fact sheet in the newsletter and share information on social media in lieu of publishing a directory.

**PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD**

Eight (8) new street signs have been ordered to replace faded or damaged signs in the City.

The street graffiti will be covered with black asphalt coating.

The City received a quote from Precision Concrete to repair uneven sidewalks that present tripping hazards and exceed ADA thresholds. Mr. Weis made a motion to approve \$17,640.00 for the repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and it passed, with Mr. Graves dissenting.

**MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY**

No Report.

**COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES**

Mr. Graves informed the Council of a missing banner on Lowe Road. There are also high weeds adjacent to the sound barrier wall on Stormon and Hedgerow Courts. Mr. Schweickhardt recommended concerned residents should call the State Highway Department.

**FINANCE: JEFF WEIS**

Mr. Weis reviewed the bank statements for May 2017 and found no issues in the reconciliation process.

**TREE BOARD:**

Mr. Joe Hinkle of the St. Regis Park Tree Board attended the meeting and discussed the fall plantings, tree maintenance and the Tree City USA signage.

Mr. Weis made a motion to revise the Tree Maintenance Program guidelines and allow for residents to receive up to \$500.00 per fiscal year for approved maintenance projects. The previous version allowed for only one (1) project per fiscal year and up to \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Davis received requests to install sidewalks in areas of the City that currently do not have sidewalks and to provide designated bike lanes on the streets. The Council discussed these requests but took no action.

Mr. Weis made a motion to approve a \$250.00 donation for the McMahan Fire Department to relocate the City office contents to a new office area at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shackelford, and it passed without dissent.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Mr. Shackelford made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schweickhardt, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk

(These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis.)

Approved:

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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.

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## COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2017

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	7	7	100%
Talbott Allen	7	6	86%
Bob Graves	7	7	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	7	6	86%
Eric Shackelford	7	5	71%
Jeff Weis	7	6	86%
Frank Wheatley	7	6	86%
Cheryl Willett	7	7	100%



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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 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](http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmermarket/index.htm).



# Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **June 2017**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:							
Woodmont/Lincoln	1			1		2	
Lynnbrook/Aintree		2		2		4	
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	1						1
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon		1				1	
Dannywood/Browns	1	1				1	1
Browns/Lincoln		5		2		1	6
4600 Block Lincoln		4				4	
Browns/Brookhaven		3		1			4
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	2	1				2	1
Statton/Woodmont	1					1	
Woodmont/St Regis				1		1	
St Regis Ln	2	2		1		4	1
Browns/Lowe		1		1			2
Mt. Vernon		1					1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>YTD Total:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>89</b>
Resident:	3	5		1		9	
Non-Resident:	5	16		8		12	17
YTD- Resident	30	41	0	17	0	82	6
YTD-Non-Resident	21	62	2	38	0	40	83
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>89</b>

## Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (3 ytd)  
 Stranded Motorist - ( ytd)  
 Council Meeting - 1  
 House Watch - 15 (40 ytd)

Suspicious Person - (4 ytd)  
 Foot Patrol -  
 Resident Contact - 2 (10 ytd)  
 Trespassing - ( ytd)

Officer Assist - 1 (2 ytd)  
 Business Check - 35 (236 ytd)  
 Alarm - ( ytd)

# PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

## Emergency Kit for the Car

Mickey Mantle once said *“If I knew I was going to live this long, I’d have taken better care of myself.”* Similarly, if people planning their summer travel knew they were going to have an emergency, they would have the right things available. Only 5% of drivers carry all the recommended emergency supplies in their car.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that all Americans have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days. Some of these things would be more important if you lived or traveled in remote areas.

- Reflective hazard triangle or road flares
- Spare tire
- Jumper cables
- First-aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Cell phone and charger
- Crucial Medications
- Emergency radio with batteries
- Bottled water for each person and pet in your car
- Non-perishable, high-calorie food
- Distress signal flag
- Matches or lighter

*During cold weather, these additional items are recommended:*

- Windshield scraper and brush
- Blankets and extra warm clothing
- Road salt or cat litter to help with tire traction
- Tarp for working outside in weather



It is also recommended that emergency supplies should be **checked at least twice a year** to see that all of the items are in working order and in good condition. It is important that items are replaced if any of them are used during the year.

The **American Red Cross** is among many sources where emergency preparedness kits and supplies can be purchased.

**STAY ALERT! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CALL 911. 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](mailto:stregispark@gmail.com).

## INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP DOWN PAYMENT PROBLEMS – ARE YOU SURE?

There is increasing difficulty for first-time home buyers to save for their down payment. Several factors that contribute to this trend include rising rents, student loan debt and flat wages. Some would-be buyers feel they cannot buy a home today but a large part of those decisions may be based upon inaccurate assumptions.

Nine out of ten non-owners believe the need 10% or more for a down payment. The typical down-payment for first-time buyers is 6%. The VA has 100% loan programs as well as USDA for certain qualifying areas and buyers. FHA is known for 3.5% down payments. And FNMA and Freddie Mac have down payments as low as 3% and 5%.

There are gift provisions available for buyers who have an “angel” who would like to help them with their down payment.

There are ways to borrow against a person’s qualified retirement program for a down payment. It isn’t necessarily limited to the buyer but could include a relative. Interestingly, a son or daughter can borrow against their retirement to benefit their parents.

In some respects, having good credit and sufficient income is more important than the down payment. Don’t rely on “common knowledge” Get expert advice and counsel to see if there is a way to advance your dream of owning a home.





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491-4745 – Non-Emergency

### **2017 CITY COUNCIL**

Brandt Davis, Mayor – 654-8145

### **MEMBERS**

Talbott Allen, Mayor Pro Tem – 451-3776  
Bob Graves, Newsletter Editor – 451-2047  
Louie Schweickhardt, Building Permits – 639-7731  
Eric Shackelford, Public Works – 299-9859  
Jeff Weis, Finance – 548-0522  
Frank Wheatley, Director of Marketing/IT – 452-2343  
Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

### **CITY EMPLOYEES**

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

### **CITY NUMBERS**

St. Regis Park City Hall – 654-8145  
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Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,  
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