

# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK **NEWSLETTER** February 2018



Dear Fellow Residents:

The **House Decoration Contest** had not yet occurred when last month's newsletter went to the printer. 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 judges 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 Light Display** was **4517 Mount** Vernon Road, and the Best Use of Inflatables was won by 4421 St. Regis Lane. The Best Decorated Door or Wreath was given to 4521 Lincoln Road. 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.

The utmost priority for the City of St. Regis Park is the safety of our residents. We recently experienced a period of extreme cold, and most likely, additional sub-freezing days are in the future. As temperatures drop, I urge our citizens to protect themselves, their loved ones, their neighbors and their pets. With lower temperatures, people tend to use whatever means are necessary to stay warm. This can result in an increase in fire deaths. Historically, fire deaths increase about 63% in the winter months of December through March. Be safe, and check on your neighbors.

As of this writing, we have not yet received a measurable snowfall this season. We are certain to receive snow in the coming weeks. Each snow event is unique. The City performs a variety of winter maintenance activities depending on the amount of snow and ice predicted and received. Be a good neighbor. If severe weather is predicted, please remember not to park on the street. It can severely affect our efforts to clear the roadways. Also, everyone should be aware of changes in driving

2018 promises to be another momentous year for our City. Our "Retree the Park" campaign has become the envy of cities throughout Greater Louisville. In addition, the City Council and I remain committed to the critical 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 will make it even better!

Sincerely, Brandt Davis, Mayor

# **DELINQUENT TAXES**

4304 ST. REGIS LANE (2008-2018)

4429 LOWE ROAD (2018)

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

**FEBRUARY 2 GROUNDHOG DAY** 

**FEBRUARY 6** CITY COUNCIL MEETING

(MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY **FEBRUARY 12** 

**FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY** 

**VALENTINE'S DAY** 

**FEBRUARY 19** PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 22 **WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY** 

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

January 2, 2018

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 2, 2018, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Davis presented innovative designs and estimated costs for street signage throughout the City. The Council reviewed the information and made recommendations. Mayor Davis will work with a local sign company and present additional information at the February Council Meeting.

The Council reviewed costs associated with decorating the City light poles during the holiday season and the clearing of vegetation along the sound barrier wall. Mayor Davis will contact Metro Louisville Councilwoman Marilyn Parker and inquire if there are funds available to help offset the costs of the referenced projects.

The Council discussed the possibility of having an NBA team in the city of Louisville and had no issues or concerns with the concept.

# FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charles J. Veeneman, CPA, City Accountant, presented the Financial and Investment Report for December 2017. General Fund revenues for the month were \$7,229.63, with year-to-date revenues at \$334,362.71. Total expenses for the month were \$45,564.48, with year-to-date expenses at \$207,535.68, resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$126,827.03.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,476.44, with year-to-date revenues at \$15,471.35. Total expenses were \$0, with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$15,471.35.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$7,866.27.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the December 2017 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett. It

passed without dissent.

Mr. Veeneman reviewed the investment report and stated that the sale of the GNMA asset backed security (SRP # 1044) the City purchased in 2015 resulted in a loss at the time of the sale in December 2017. The interest earned during the period more than offset the net loss. The City will review future purchases of GNMA securities.

Mr. Weis requested information on two (2) outstanding checks that have not yet cleared the bank but appear on the financial statements. Mr. Veeneman will research and respond.

Mr. Weis requested information on the City depreciation schedule. Mr. Veeneman will review and respond.

### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 5, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. It passed without dissent.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent) No Report.

# **CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: JASON LEWIS**

Mr. Lewis presented the December 2017 report and reviewed current issues. The Council requested Mr. Singler draft language for the nuisance ordinance that will address rain barrels.

### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler presented Municipal Order 1, Series 2017-2018, An Order Revoking the City's Participation in the Commonwealth's Multichannel Video Tax Collection Distribution System and authorizing the Mayor to notify the Kentucky Department of Revenue accordingly. Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the municipal order. Mr. Weis seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Singler reviewed the fiber optic installation guidelines for the City and the micro trenching utilized by Google Fiber.

# **BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT**

Permits were issued for new fences at 2613 Aintree Way and 4321 Dannywood Road.

Mr. Schweickhardt presented new street light options for the City. Mr. Weis made a motion to approve the installation of new 150-watt Coach lights throughout the City. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. Mr. Singler will review the LG&E contract prior to signing.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN**

The House Decoration Contest award winners were announced, and the addresses will be published in the newsletter. Gift cards

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.

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will not be submitted to the winners until January 2018 **due** to the approval and check distribution schedule. The Council will review continuing this contest in the future due to various complaints from residents and City employees.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT**

Ms. Willett will continue to gather information for additional companies that provide police services for other local cities.

# **PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD**

Mr. Shackelford will continue to address the street signage in the City

# **MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY**

Mr. Wheatley will mount the new speed radar sign within the next 60 days.

# **COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES**

Oxmoor Country Club will be purchasing advertising space in the City newsletter.

# **FINANCE: JEFF WEIS**

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

# TREE BOARD:

No Report.

# **CITIZEN PARTICPATION:**

None.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

# 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 8:39 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.



# **BRANCHING OUT**

The City of St. Regis Park Tree Board and our Consulting Arborist wish each of you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's all turn over a new leaf (groan) and request a new tree!

If you still have your **Gator Bag** on your tree, please remove it until mid-March. Freezing and refreezing can crack the bag, shortening its life.

Thank you for all you do to Re-Tree the Park!

YOUR ST. REGIS PARK TREE BOARD (Jane, Joe, Mary & Cindi)

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# INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP EASIER TO PLAY THE GAME

t's much easier to play the game when you know the rules so you can avoid mistakes that may keep you from winning. Homeownership isn't a game but there are some rules that will protect your investment and increase your enjoyment.

Most people want a home of their own to raise their family, share with their friends and to feel safe and secure. In most cases, it is also their largest asset. These suggestions can help protect your investment and make homeownership more enjoyable.

- Don't overpay for your home.
- Maintain your home to protect its value.
- Minimize your assessed value to lower your property taxes.
- Make extra contributions to save interest and build equity.
- Validate the insured value of improvements and contents
- Be aware of current surrounding property values.

- Make mortgage interest payments deductible.
- Invest in capital improvements that increase market value.
- Don't over-improve the neighborhood comparables.
- Keep records of capital improvements and other maintenance.

If you need assistance with any of the items mentioned above or need a recommendation for a service provider, consult your attorney, financial advisor or a real estate professional.



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# **Small City Activity Sheet**



City	St. Regis Park	Month/Year:	Dec 2017

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:							
Woodmont/Lincoln	3			1		4	
Lynnbrook/Aintree							
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	1					1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	1					1	
Dannywood/Browns		2				2	
Browns/Lincoln		3		5			8
4600 Block Lincoln		1	1			1	1
Browns/Brookhaven		2					2
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont				1		1	
Statton/Woodmont	2			1		3	
Woodmont/St Regis	2					1	1
St Regis Ln	1					1	
Browns/Lowe		2		1		1	2
Mt. Vernon	3	1				3	1
Total:	13	11	1	9	0	19	15
YTD Total:	116	153	8	100	0	213	164
Resident:	7		1	1		9	0
Non-Resident:	6	11		8		10	15
YTD- Resident	69	49	2	26	0	136	10
YTD-Non-Resident	47	104	6	74	0	77	154
TOTA	L: 116	153	8	100	0	213	164

# Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - 1 (4 ytd) Stranded Motorist - (1 ytd)

Council Meeting - 1

House Watch - 10 (59 ytd)

Suspicious Person - (5 ytd)

Foot Patrol -

Resident Contact - (15 ytd)

Trespassing - ( ytd)

Officer Assist - 1 (13 ytd) Business Check - 37 (451 ytd)

Alarm - ( ytd)

Monitor Bus Stop - 3 (8 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 least three feet from furniture and drapes.
- •Never leave children unattended near a space heater.

# **PROTECT PETS**

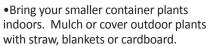
- •Don't leave your pets outside when temperatures drop.
- Appropriate action should be taken for outdoor pets. Provide adequate protection from cold temperatures or bring them indoors.
- Make sure your pet's water is not frozen

# **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 cabinet sinks to allow the heat top 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





•Be sure to turn off automatic sprinklers, detach hoses from outdoor faucets and wrap the faucets to protect outdoor plants.

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.



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# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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McMahan Fire District – 911 Emergency 491-4745 – Non-Emergency

# 2018 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 Jason Lewis, Citation Officer – 836-4535

### **CITY NUMBERS**

St. Regis Park City Hall – 654-8145
E-Mail – <u>stregispark@gmail.com</u>
Website – <u>www.stregispark.net</u>
Facebook – St. Regis Park, Kentucky
Rumpke Waste Removal – 568-3800

# ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M., at the McMahan Fire Station

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 \$900/six months



The McMahan Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station, 4318 Taylorsville Rd. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

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