

## CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER February 2019



Number 2

#### Dear Fellow Residents:

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am eagerly anticipating Spring. Even as I type this my toes are chilled. I long for the blue skies and green grass to come back soon. I am hopeful that it is right around the corner, as I did see the most beautiful cardinal perched on my lamp post a few days ago.

In relationship to spring, let's discuss some "Spring Cleaning" that needs to occur. As I walk the neighborhood, I see quite a few yards that still have a lot of leaves in them. I have had quite a few complaints this year where citizens are frustrated that they have raked their leaves, just to have a neighbor's leaves (who did not rake appropriately) blow in their yard. Please be considerate and rake your leaves accordingly.

Also, please make sure that your curb and storm drains remain clear of leaves and other debris. Number 1, it looks nice. Number 2, our storm drains sometimes struggle to handle all the water we receive if it rains heavily all at once. This is compounded even more when the storm drains are partially clogged from sticks, twigs, leaves, etc.

Next, as Mayor of our city, I take a strong stand in valuing our city's tree canopy. In my work in the insurance industry, I evaluate hundreds of homes each month, and I can tell you that a community with a healthy tree canopy is a community where people are out walking and chatting with their neighbors, a community with healthy and active citizens, one with lower crime rates and higher home values. Trees are part of the infrastructure of any community, as surely as the roads, sidewalks, and street lights. Enhancing the tree canopy of St. Regis Park is a priority of our city council, and we are proud to support the efforts of the tree board and our city arborist. In the last several years, we have spent approximately \$40-50k annually and added a total of approximately 223 trees to our city. However, as I have walked down Mt. Vernon and Aintree, I can easily count between 6-9 large canopy trees that have been removed. This is very disheartening. Now, I understand that sometimes trees have been damaged and it is necessary to take them down. However, I would strongly urge you to get multiple opinions if your trees are damaged and to what extent. Could you possibly just have the damaged part removed and

not the entire tree? Don't forget, tree companies make more money to take down an entire tree rather than just the damaged part. A second opinion never hurts and may actually save you money. Lastly, I implore you not to cut down your trees simply due to the fact that you don't want to have the hassle of leaves. That is an extremely short-sighted vision that doesn't take in to consideration the neighborhood at large. I know that most of our citizens feel the same way, and will maintain their existing trees and plant new ones. The gift of our neighbors' trees benefit all of us.

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

Sincerely, Brandt Davis, Mayor Brandt Davis

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sat	Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Tue	Feb 5	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM Jeffersontown Fire House #2 4318 Taylorsville Road
Thu	Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Mon	Feb 18	Presidents Day

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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

#### January 8, 2019

Following are the Minutes of the January 2019 Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at the Jeffersontown Fire Station located at 4318 Taylorsville, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Brandt Davis, John Amback, Donald Fountain, Craig Theis, Louie Schweickhardt, Eric Shackelford, Jeff Weis, and Cheryl Willett.

#### Absent: None

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

Mayor Davis introduced Mr. John McIntyre, CPA of McIntyre and Wooldridge. Mr. McIntyre presented the 2017-2018 financial audit report to the council. Mr. Weis made a motion to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett and it passed without dissent. The information required to be reported will be published in the February 2019 city newsletter.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Charles J. Veeneman, the city accountant presented the Financial and Investment Report for December 2018. Mr. Schweickhardt made a motion to approve the December 2018 financial and investment reports. Ms. Willett seconded the motion and it passed without dissent. Copies of the monthly financial reports are available on the city website.

#### **General Fund**

YTD Revenues: \$337,176.13 YTD Expenses: \$173,368.43 YTD Revenue Over (Under) Expenses: \$163,807.70

#### Road Fund

YTD Revenues: \$16,170.55 YTD Expenses: \$2,590.00 YTD Revenue Over (Under) Expenses: \$13,580.55

#### **MINUTES:**

Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the December 2018 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Amback and it passed without dissent.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No Report

#### **FINANCE: JEFF WEIS**

The November 2018 bank reconciliation was completed and there were no issues.

#### **TREE BOARD:**

Ms. Mary Mattingly, Ms. Jane Ecker, Mr. Joe Hinkle and Ms. Cindi Sullivan attended the meeting. Ms. Mattingly reported that the city has planted 233 trees since the program inception.

Ms. Ecker requested an additional \$20,000.00 be allocated to the tree board budget for the remaining 6 months of the fiscal year. The money will be used for tree maintenance, spring tree planting and arborist services. After an extended discussion, Mr. Amback made a motion to approve the \$20,000.00 increase for the current fiscal year. Mr. Fountain seconded the motion and it passed without dissent. The revised tree board budget for 2018-2019 will be \$45,000.00

## CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

None

#### **CITY ATTORNEY: JOHN SINGLER (Absent)**

The second reading of Ordinance 5, 2018-2019, an ordinance allowing the use of low speed golf carts and all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) on city streets was tabled for a vote at the February 2019 meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### NEW BUSINESS: None

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.

#### ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Theis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk (These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis.)

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.

#### **Properties with Delinquent Property Taxes**

2825 MILBURN AVE 4318 STATTON RD 4429 LOWE RD

2019 City Council Meeting Attendance						
Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%			
Brandt Davis	1	1	100%			
Cheryl Willett	1	1	100%			
Louie Schweickhardt	1	1	100%			
Eric Shackelford	1	1	100%			
Jeff Weis	1	1	100%			
John Amback	1	1	100%			
Don Fountain	1	1	100%			
Craig Theis	1	1	100%			

#### 2017-2018

#### CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK FINANCIAL AUDIT

"The City of St. Regis Park hereby gives public notice that the annual financial audit for the tiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 is complete. In compliance with KRS 91A.040(6), the City of St. Regis Park has published the auditor's opinion and the budgetary comparison schedules for the City's major funds. A copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the City of St. Regis Park City Hall, 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky, and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen may obtain from City Hall a copy of the complete audit, including financial statements and supplemental information, for personal use. Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no charge by contacting Bill Hodapp at 502-654-8145.

#### McIntyre & Wooldridge, PSC Certified Public Accountants 3103 Breckenridge Lane, Suite 3 Louisville, Kentucky 40220 502/493-9373 or 493-9374 (fax)

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of St. Regis Park, Kentucky

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of St. Regis Park, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to

design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of St. Regis Park, Kentucky at June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's budgetary comparison information on page 19 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has required to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated, January 4, 2019, on our consideration of the City of St. Regis Park, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mc Shtyter Wooldrilge PSE Louisville, Kentucky January 4, 2019

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#### CITY OF ST REGIS PARK, KENTUCKY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	GENERAL FUND				
					VARIANCE WITH
					FINAL BUDGET
		ORIGINAL	FINAL		FAVORABLE
		BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES AND RESOURCES					
Property taxes	\$	143,000	\$ 143,000	\$147,107	\$ 4,107
Franchise fees		6,000	6,000	7,351	1,351
Delinquent taxes		1,200	1,200	3,000	1,800
Insurance premium tax		105,000	105,000	115,010	10,010
Mineral severance tax		150	150	32	(118)
Sanitation tax		115,052	115,052	115,243	191
Investment income		8,000	8,000	15,987	7,987
Building permit		300	300	645	345
Newsletter advertisements		600	600	4,175	3,575
Rental property fees		2,000	2,000	2,550	550
Police grant		5,000	5,000	4,414	(586)
Loss on value of investments				(15,485)	(15,485)
Total Revenues and Resources		386,302	386,302	400,029	13,727
EXPENDITURES					
General government		110,350	110,350	106,465	3,885
Public safety		39,000	39,000	32,288	6,712
Public services		183,052	183,052	174,473	8,579
Community services		10,200	10,200	7,848	2,352
Utilities		25,000	30,000	24,281	5,719
Total Expenditures		367,602	372,602	345,355	27,247
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REVENUES AND RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	18,700	\$ 13,700	\$ 54,674	\$ 40,974

For budget purposes, engineering fees and property cleanup and city landscaping expenditures totaling \$6,511 were included in the general government expenditures. In the Statement of Activites and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, the aforementioned expenditures were included in the public services category.

				ROAD FUND	
			ORIGINAL		VARIANCE WITH
			AND		FINAL BUDGET
			FINAL		FAVORABLE
			BUDGET	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES					
Road municipal aid			\$ 28,000	\$ 29,399	\$ 1,399
Interest income				826	826
Total Revenues			28,000	30,225	2,225
EXPENDITURES					
Public services			27,000	10,931	16,069
REVENUES OVER EXPENDI	TURES		\$ 1,000	\$ 19,294	\$ 18,294



## Saturday, February 23rd Ascension Gym 4600 Lynnbrook Dr.

# Doors open at 6:30 Game begins at 7:30

\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door \$160 for reserved team table of 8 Bring snacks for your table!

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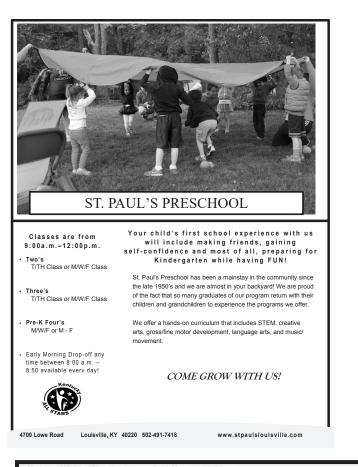


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# **BRANCHING OUT**

Since some of you have now had your city-planted trees for several years, we wanted to address a question you may have: When is it time to start trimming, limbing up, fertilizing, or otherwise maintaining my new tree?

Each tree will have its own needs, but here are several thoughts and some links to get you started:

- If you are having to duck to mow the grass, or if branches are blocking the sidewalk for walkers, you might want to limb up your tree. Don't cut too close to the trunk, but don't cut too far either. Cut right outside the "branch collar," the slightly swollen-looking area where the branch meets the trunk.
- 2) Never "top" a tree unless an arborist has told you it is necessary.
- 3) In ideal circumstances, trees get all the nutrients they need from the soil, but there may be times you want to fertilize. Fall to mid-Spring is actually the best time to fertilize, when the tree is focusing on its root system, rather than leaves, blossoms, etc. Spreading granular fertilizer might help your grass, but it is not necessarily going to get nutrients to the roots, where the tree can absorb them. A root feeder is a simple device with an easy learning curve. Your garden center or arborist can help you decide if your tree needs to be fertilized, and what kind of fertilizer it needs.

Here is a link to tree information provided by the Arbor Day Foundation, the organization responsible for our designation as a Tree City USA. Their advice can go a long way to helping you feel confident about caring for your trees.

https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/

Thank you again for helping us to Re-Tree the Park!

Jane, Joe, Mary, Cindi

## **Small City Activity Sheet**



City: St. Regis Park			Month/Year:		December 2018		
Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:	200	0000000		0 11 01			
Woodmont/Lincoln	5					3	2
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1					1	
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	1					1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	4					2	2
Dannywood/Browns							
Browns/Lincoln	1			1		2	
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven							
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	3	1		1		3	2
Statton/Woodmont	1						1
Woodmont/St Regis	1						1
St Regis Ln	2					2	
Browns/Lowe	1		1		1	1	
Mt. Vernon	3	1				3	1
Total:	23	2	1	2	1	18	9
YTD Total:	105	88	2	41	1	77	158
Resident:	10			2		11	1
Non-Resident:	13	2	1		1	7	8
YTD- Resident	44	18		8		44	26
YTD-Non-Resident	61	70	2	33	1	33	132
TOTAL	: 105	88	2	41	1	77	158

#### Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (3 ytd)	Suspicious Person - (3 ytd)	Officer Assist - (8 ytd)
Stranded Motorist - ( ytd)	Foot Patrol -	Business Check - 34 (391 ytd)
Council Meeting - 1	Resident Contact - 3 (8 ytd)	Alarm - (2 ytd)
House Watch - 7 (53 ytd)	Trespassing - (ytd)	Monitor Bus Stop - 2 (4 ytd)

Saint Regis Park Homes Sold in 2018						
Address	Price	Date Sold				
4601 Hedgerow Court	\$279,500	January 29, 2018				
4603 Hedgerow Court	\$285,000	February 22, 2018				
2808 Woodmont Drive	\$220,000	February 27, 2018				
2019 Milburn Avenue	\$160,000	March 7, 2018				
4408 Dannywood Road	\$310,000	March 19, 2018				
4408 Mount Vernon Road	\$235,000	March 27, 2018				
4606 Stormon Court	\$265,000	March 28, 2018				
2603 Hurdle Way	\$257,000	March 30, 2018				
4320 Saint Regis Lane	\$270,000	April 5, 2018				
2509 Foxy Poise Road	\$218,000	April 13, 2018				
2403 Sir Johns Court	\$270,000	May 14 <i>,</i> 2018				
2803 Mayford Way	\$230,000	May 29 <i>,</i> 2018				
4325 Statton Road	\$195,500	June 6, 2018				
4419 Dannywood Road	\$275,000	June 7, 2018				
2600 Aintree Way	\$160,000	June 15, 2018				
4506 Lincoln Road	\$463,000	June 21, 2018				
4320 Statton Road	\$259,000	June 22, 2018				
4404 Mount Vernon Road	\$189,950	June 26, 2018				
2513 Foxy Poise Road	\$221,000	June 29 <i>,</i> 2018				
4319 Statton Road	\$246,000	July 2 <i>,</i> 2018				
2603 Hurdle Way	\$330,000	July 9 <i>,</i> 2018				
2407 Aintree Way	\$271,500	July 9 <i>,</i> 2018				
4405 Dannywood Road	\$318,000	August 14, 2018				
4521 Dannywood Road	\$280,000	August 20, 2018				
2406 Aintree Way	\$257,500	August 24, 2018				
4310 Mount Vernon Road	\$246,500	August 27, 2018				
4513 Lincoln Road	\$300,000	August 30,2018				
2613 Aintree Way	\$292,000	September 5, 2018				
2612 Aintree Way	\$261,000	September 12, 2018				
4506 Mount Vernon Road	\$265,000	September 28, 2018				
4518 Lincoln Road	\$340,000	October 19, 2018				
4325 Statton Road	\$317,000	November 6, 2018				
4301 Statton Road	\$200,000	November 29, 2018				
2018 Average Price	\$263,256	33 Homes Sold in 2018				



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#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Louisville Metro Police – 911 Emergency 574-2111 or 311 – Non-Emergency www.louisvilleky.gov

Jeffersontown Fire District - 911 Emergency (502) 267-7300 - Non-Emergency

> 2018 CITY COUNCIL Brandt Davis, Mayor – 654-8145

#### MEMBERS

Don Fountain - 552-029 John Amback, Newsletter Editor - 500-8158 Louie Schweickhardt, Building Permits – 639-7731 Eric Shackelford, Public Works – 299-9859 Jeff Weis, Finance – 548-0522 Craig Theis - 553-6107 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 Jeffersontown Fire Station #2 4318 Taylorsville Road NEWSLETTER PRINTED BY

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