

#### CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER

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I hope everyone is having a great summer. By the time you are reading this, the kids will either be back in school or starting very soon. Please make sure we are watching out for children waiting at bus stops and those walking to and from Ascension and Greathouse. In addition, please instruct your children to be mindful of traffic. Walking on the side of the road closest to oncoming traffic allows them to react to an oncoming car. Also, not wearing headphones improves the ability to hear approaching vehicles.

This year's taxes are coming due. The good news is that St. Regis Park was not included in Jefferson County's reappraisals, and our rate went down to 9.5 cents from 9.6 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value. The bad news is your bill is considerably higher because of a large sanitation fee increase. We put the contract out for bid, but the cost still went up from \$19 to \$28/month. Also, last year's tax bills were low because the city council voted to pay half of the 2022 sanitation fee with general funds.

Trash collection is expensive, but keep in mind that Rumpke provides weekly rear-door service for your brown household trash container. There is curb service for your green recyclable's container and yard waste. They also provide limited junk pick-up. Call 800.828.8171 for details.

It is important to address some recent concerns we have received from a few of you that have been ticketed by our contract police officers. In my short seven-month tenure as mayor I have received numerous complaints from several residents regarding traffic violations which occur throughout our city. These include speeding, reckless driving, and failure to stop at the stop signs. This has been an ongoing problem for some time. We have taken measures such as speed bumps, where needed, to slow vehicles down. However, most traffic violations must be dealt with by using law enforcement.

For years the police officers issued warnings for traffic violations and the problems never diminished. We asked our previous law enforcement provider to step up ticketing in-lieu of warnings. They did not respond to our repeated requests, so we have

gone with another company willing to help with our demands. A "NO TOLERANCE" directive has been issued to officers patrolling our streets. This means we all will need to follow the traffic laws as they are written.

Excessive speeding and failure to come to a complete stop at stop signs is not acceptable. I am sorry to those of you who have received a ticket, but this is the only way we can get the point across that we are using the tools we have at our disposal to keep our pedestrians and property safe.

Please remember the city-wide yard sale on Saturday September 9th from 8:00 AM to??? This event is heavily attended each year and is an excellent opportunity to make a few bucks by selling your unwanted items or pick up some unused treasures. No parking signs will be installed on the fire hydrant side of all streets. There will be congestion that morning in the heart of the city, so please have patience or avoid those streets if possible.

Sincerely,
Louie Schweickhardt

Louie Schweickhardt

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Wed Aug 16 City Council Meeting 7:00 PM Jeffersontown Fire Station #2 4318 Taylorsville Road Mon Sept 4 Labor Day Sat Sept 9 City-Wide Yard Sale! Begins at 8:00 AM Mon Sept 11 Patriot Day FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK ST. REGIS PARK, KENTUCKY WEBSITE: www.stregispark.net

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

July 19, 2023

Following are the Minutes of the July 19, 2023 City Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m. at the Jeffersontown Fire Station #2.

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor: Louie Schweickhardt

Council Members: John Amback, Laura Krebs Lewis, Matt Sanderfer, Eric Shackelford, Craig Theis, Jeff

Weis, Cheryl Willett City Clerk: Bill Hodapp City Attorney: John Singler Citation Officer: Jason Lewis

City Accountant: Charlie Veeneman City Engineer: Mark Madison

**ABSENT** 

Council Members: None

Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the June 2023 financials. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Shackelford made a motion to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Amback, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Shackelford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weis, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk Approved:

Louie Schweickhardt, Mayor

2023 City Council Meeting Attendance				
Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%	
Mayor Louie Schweickhardt	7	7	100%	
Cheryl Willett	7	7	100%	
Eric Shackelford	7	5	71%	
Jeff Weis	7	6	86%	
John Amback	7	7	100%	
Craig Theis	7	6	86%	
Matt Sanderfer	7	6	86%	
Laura Krebs Lewis	7	6	86%	

The City has "No Parking" signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call Mayor Louie Schweickhardt at 639-7731 for information regarding the use of these signs.

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St. Regis Park - Recently Sold Homes				
Address	Price	Date Sold		
2502 Aintree Way	\$330,000	July 21, 2023		
4413 Dannywood Road	\$335,000	July 20, 2023		
4303 Lincoln Road	\$355,000	July 12, 2023		
4405 St. Regis Lane	\$350,000	July 6, 2023		
4405 Lincoln Road	\$350,000	June 28, 2023		
2819 Browns Lane	\$197,000	June 2, 2023		
4501 Lincoln Road	\$405,000	May 24, 2023		
2507 Foxy Poise Road	\$246,000	May 15, 2023		
4519 Lincoln Road	\$450,000	May 2, 2023		
4517 Statton Road	\$203,000	March 22, 2023		
4302 Dannywood Road	\$314,000	March 17, 2023		
4402 Lincoln Road	\$352,000	March 9, 2023		
4609 Dannywood Road	\$340,000	March 2, 2023		

St. Regis Park - Citation Officer's Report			
Violation	Ordinance	June	YTD
Grass over 9 inches high or on curb	92.03 (A)	6	19
Prohibited golf cart/recreational vehicle on city street	71.03	1	4
Animal noise disturbance	90.03	1	2
Walkway obstruction	92.03(B)		
Property Maintenance issues	150.16	1	15
Parking facing traffic or in grass	70.01	4	20
Trash / Recycle / Yard waste bins still at curb outside of ordinance	50.01 (B)	2	5
P.O.D.'s in driveway past allowed 20 days	150.41 (A)		
Dumpster in driveway past allowed 20 days	50.16 (A)		3
Inoperable vehicle stored on property	92.03(K)	2	8
Recreational Vehicles improperly parked on property	70.07	1	2
Illegal door-to-door sales	112.01		1
Construction without a Letter of Compliance	150.16 (A)		
Letters of Compliance Issued	150.16		

St. Regis Park - Police Activity Report				
Location	Action	Violation	Date	Time
Dannywood Rd	Cited	SS	06/28/23	7:03:00 PM
Ashfield Ln	Cited	SS	06/28/23	7:43:00 PM
Mt. Vernon	Cited	SS	06/28/23	8:03:00 PM
Ashfield Ln	Cited	SS	06/28/23	8:18:00 PM
Ashfield Ln	Cited	SS	06/28/23	8:58:00 PM
Dannywood Rd	Cited	SS/MV	06/29/23	7:07:00 PM
Woodward Dr	Cited	SS	06/29/23	7:18:00 PM
Woodward Dr	Cited	SS	06/29/23	7:28:00 PM
Ashfield Ln	Cited	SS	06/29/23	7:36:00 PM

MV - Moving Violation - Careless Driving MV - Moving Violation - Failure to Signal MV - Moving Violation - Registration

SS - Stop Sign S - Speeding

RD - Reckless Driving

M - Mechanical

A - Arrest

O - Other

#### Did You Know?

#### 70.02 LIMITATIONS OF STOPPING AND PARKING

- (A) No person shall stop or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in the following places:
  - (1) On a sidewalk or on a driveway blocking a sidewalk;
  - (2) In front of a sidewalk ramp providing for handicapped access;
  - (3) Within an intersection;
  - (4) Within a crosswalk;
  - (5) At any place where an official sign prohibits parking;
- (6) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal;
  - (7) Within 15 feet of each side of the approach to any fire hydrant;
  - (8) Any place the curb is painted red or yellow;
  - (9) In any manner that will affect the normal flow of traffic;
  - (10) On any bridge, overpass or causeway;
  - (11) In front of any public or private driveway;
- (12) In the front, side, street side, or rear of a residence, except on a hard surface of asphalt or concrete;
- (13) Park or stop a vehicle in a space reserved for the handicapped without the proper permit;
  - (14) Backed to the curb.

For a detailed listing of all St Regis Park ordinances, please visit the city's website at: <a href="https://www.stregispark.net">www.stregispark.net</a> Then click on "Ordinances" at the top of the page.

### Are you planning a Construction Project on your home in St. Regis Park?

The City of St. Regis Park requires homeowners apply for a Letter of Compliance from the City to ensure that their planned project complies with Ordinance Chapter 150, Building Regulations before they start. The following exterior projects require an application to St. Regis Park:

- > Fences
- Porches
- Utility Sheds
- Playhouses
- Carports
- Driveway,
- Auxiliary Structures
- Garages
- Outdoor Temporary Storage Units (PODS)
- Pools (over 400 gallons)
- Building Additions
- Houses



Please Contact St. Regis Councilmember, Matt Sanderfer, to help you obtain the necessary Letter of Compliance from the City of St. Regis Park <u>BEFORE</u> you start on an exterior renovation. He can be reached at <u>mattsanderfer@stregispark.net</u> and can guide you through the process.

#### **Don't Forget**

In addition, homeowners must obtain all building, electrical, plumbing, and any other permits from Metro Louisville for construction projects as required by Louisville/Jefferson County. St. Regis Park will check Louisville Metro Building permits to ensure that buildings, electric and



## BRANCHING OUT August 2023

Ok, boys and girls—back to school! Open your eBooks—no trees were destroyed in the production of your books—and follow along as we begin today's lesson on trees. We'll discuss planting trees, maintaining trees, and, as a fun bonus, taking pictures of trees!

You can relax—no pop quiz tomorrow! But it is almost Back-to-School time, and Fall is the perfect time to plant a tree—and your only opportunity for a free tree as we go forward with our tree-planting program. Because our requests for trees have been fewer, and because of our unpredictable and hotter summers, the tree board has decided to plant trees only in the Fall.

How do you decide whether you need a tree in your front or back yard? Here are some considerations you might use to make your decision:

- 1. Have you recently lost a tree? If so, now would be the perfect time to replace it, in the same or a nearby location.
- 2. Does your lawn look empty and bleak? Improving your property with one or more trees is one of the easiest ways to increase your home's curb appeal, and therefore its value.
- 3. Is it too hot for you to sit, work, or play outside? A few trees will cure that ill.
- 4. Is your exterior paint peeling, or your beautifully stained door fading? A canopy tree or two will alleviate that problem.
- 5. Are you concerned about record-breaking heat and hundred-year floods becoming routine? Are you interested in helping to cool our warming world? Planting trees to absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen is an easy way to contribute to cleaner air and a brighter future.
- 6. Do you just WANT more trees? We've got you covered.



Picture yourself under the shade of your new tree, sipping Southern sweet tea or Kentucky bourbon. Imagine the cool breeze and the sweet songs of birds. When the sun sets, head back inside and send your new tree request to Susan: <a href="mailto:smesserschmidt4313@gmail.com">smesserschmidt4313@gmail.com</a> The deadline for 2023 is October 15<sup>th</sup>! Let us know how many trees you want, and we'll get as close as we can to fulfilling your request from the available stock. Once your tree is planted in November, you will likely only have to water it a few times—snow and rain will do the rest until about St. Patrick's Day.

Speaking of pictures, we want to remind you that when Arbor Day rolls around next April, we want to visit your tree or stand of trees in our annual Walk in the Park. Take pictures of your trees in each of the four seasons, or whichever season best showcases your trees! You might be selected as one of our tree heroes, and get a nifty sign to keep forever! We'll remind you in January to begin sending your pictures to Mary: msmattingly@outlook.com

Finally, remember that now is a good time to evaluate the health of your trees. Would limbing them up enhance their beauty and make it easier to mow the lawn under them? Are you concerned about possible tree diseases? Contact Joe: <a href="mailto:joerunjoe@gmail.com">joerunjoe@gmail.com</a> to participate in our tree maintenance program.

Everyone loves trees in the Fall! Enjoy the beauty to come, and resolve for your trees to be the subject of oohing and aahing in the future!

Your tree board and consulting arborist,

Joe, Susan, Mary, and Cindi

## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Clear Clutter from Attics, Basements, and Garages

Make some cash and be a part of the fun

St. Regis Park Citywide Yard Sale Saturday, September 9th 8 am until ??

Police Officers will enforce traffic regulations and extra police will patrol this day!



## ST. REGIS PARK CITY-WIDE YARD SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 8:00 AM-?

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YARD SALE DAY**

#### IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING

Try to set up in your driveway or yard close to the street to be more visible.
Please park your personal vehicle further up in your driveway so that you do not take space on the street in front of your home and thus help keep the area on the street in front of your home open for traffic and allow parking for buyers coming from outside the City. Any suspicious behavior should be reported immediately.
People come early, so plan to set up as early as possible.
Extra police will patrol that day. For any problem, contact them immediately and try to get the license plate number and a car description of an offender's vehicle.
Join with neighbors and hold a multi-house sale at one location for a larger sale.
IF YOU ARE NOT PARTICIPATING
Please park your vehicle(s) off the street, but close to the street to avoid your driveway being used as a turn around point.
Report any suspicious or unusual activity to the police patrolling the City during the yard sale.
If possible, keep your garage door closed during the hours of the yard sale so that it will not attract attention.

There will be *NO PARKING* on the sides of the streets where fire hydrants are located. "No Parking" signs will be posted on the previous Thursday evening. Police patrols will ticket those vehicles who do not comply.



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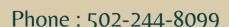
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574-2111 or 311 – Non-Emergency
Jeffersontown Fire District – 911 Emergency
267-7300 – Non-Emergency
Jefferson County Animal Control - 333-9072 - Non-Emergency

#### ST. REGIS PARK CITY COUNCIL Louie Schweickhardt, Mayor - 639-7731

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Craig Theis, Reach Alert/Communications – 553-6107
Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

#### CITY EMPLOYEES

Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 654-8145 Jason Lewis, Citation Officer - 836-4535

#### **CITY NUMBERS**

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#### ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM, at Jeffersontown Fire Station #2 4318 Taylorsville Road.

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