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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Residents:

I'm excited! By the time you receive this newsletter, Spring will officially be here. Final touches have been made for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 23, in the field at the end of Lincoln Road. The leaves will be popping out, the grass will begin growing, and St. Regis Park will become "green" once again. Several ambitious projects were discussed at the March City Council Meeting, and I want to share them with you.

First, we're moving forward with a Tree Planting Campaign for the City headed up by Councilman Louie Schweickhardt. Louie has been conferring with our "resident expert," Jim Wallitsch of Lincoln Road. A final plan is being drafted. However, we have already received a number of positive comments from several residents in favor of this project. In fact, I have taken the liberty of publishing in this newsletter comments received from Sandy Byrd of Aintree Way. Mary Mattingly of Lincoln Road has also expressed her support, and Butch and Mary Schindler of Dannywood Road attended the March Council Meeting wanting to become involved in the project. As Sandy mentioned in her letter, the goal is to return St. Regis Park to a park like setting

Second, plans are underway to replace all the traffic control signs in the City. Over the years, many of the signs have become faded, some have been the victims of automobile accidents, and others have fallen prey to vandalism. The new signs and poles will present a much more pleasing and positive appearance and will be in keeping with the efforts of our community to "spruce up" St. Regis Park. This project is also being headed by Councilman Schweickhardt.

In May, the Church of the Ascension will sponsor a 5 K walk/run. The walk/run is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Saturday morning, May 18, and will be part of Ascension's Summer Festival. The course will be through the St. Regis Park and Brookhaven neighborhoods. Our "resident marathoner," Councilman Talbott Allen, is providing his expertise.

Councilman Allen also continues to be heavily involved in the planning of "Light Up St. Regis Park." A firm date of Saturday, December 14, has been set (changed from the earlier scheduled December 8 date). Trolley rides will be one of the features of the festivities. Additional details will be published as they become available.

Newly appointed Councilman Frank Wheatley, our Director of Marketing, is busy upgrading the City's website and Facebook page to insure they are more interactive and user friendly. Frank, Bailey Hoard of Mt. Vernon Road, and other members of the Marketing Committee are developing new ways not only to improve our communications but also to promote the positive image of St. Regis Park.

The City's contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services expires June 30, 2013. St. Regis Park has been successful in securing a proposal from Rumpke to continue the same level of services – trash, recycling, and yard waste removal – with no increase in cost. This is significant. The proposal is being reviewed by the City Attorney, however, it is anticipated the contract will be approved at the April 2 Council Meeting. In addition, Rumpke will provide any resident – free of charge – one large, 65 gallon brown garbage container to be placed on the street (not subject to backyard pickup). Any interested resident should contact Rumpke directly at 502/568-3800 to schedule delivery.

St. Regis Park contracts with Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) for additional police services. KLE has permanently assigned four of its officers – Kenny Betts, Ron Fey, Eddie Phillips, and Cliff Roberts -- to our City. All are sworn LMPD officers. This will enable the officers and residents to become more familiar with one another, allow for faster response times since they will better know the area, and they will be aware of points of concern. This is another positive development.

Other recent developments include the completion of an audit of the City's finances by the outside accounting firm of Bennett and Company, CPAs, which confirmed the City's sound financial condition, grants received from Louisville Metro Government and the Kentucky League of Cities, and upgrades being made to the Block Watch program. Councilwoman Cheryl Willett will soon be coordinating meetings to confirm Block Watch Captains and expand the program.

The City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live. Our goal is to make it even better! As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me or any of the Council Members. It is our pleasure to represent each of you.

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

- APRIL 1 - APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- APRIL 2 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(McMahan Fire District, 7:30 PM)
RECYCLING PICKUP
- APRIL 16 - RECYCLING PICKUP
- APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY
- APRIL 30 - RECYCLING PICUP

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Following are the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Davis, Aldridge, Allen, Graves, Schweickhardt, Walsh, Wheatley, Willett.

Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Nick Anderson and Mr. William Bennett of Bennett and Company, CPAs, presented the findings and recommendations of the 2012 financial audit. The Council Members will review the provided information and vote on the report at the April 2, 2013, Council Meeting.

Mr. Charlie Veeneman and Mr. Jim Walsh reviewed the monthly financials. Total revenues through February 28, 2013, were \$336,261, while revenues budgeted for the entire year ending June 30, 2013, have been projected at \$325,241. Complete financials have been posted for review on the City's website, www.stregispark.net.

The Council will review the revenue and expense accounts at the April meeting and amend the 2013 budget, as needed.

The City's bank account balances through February 28, 2013, were:

- a) Operating Fund - \$ 17,322
- b) Money Market - \$240,460
- c) Tax Account - \$254,315
- d) Money Market - \$102,190
- e) Road Fund - \$ 42,772

Mayor Davis will review current Certificate of Deposit rates and recommend transferring funds.

The PVA property tax rolls should be available in April. The 2013 tax rates will be reviewed at the May Council Meeting.

Mr. Talbott Allen made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Bob Aldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 5, 2013. Mr. Louie Schweickhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

LMPD Officer Kenneth Betts, representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE), was present. Officer Betts approved placing the KLE officers' e-mail addresses on the city website and in the newsletter so residents can contact them directly in the event of a NON-EMERGENCY. Officer Betts Kenneth. Betts@LouisvilleKy.gov advised KLE had permanently assigned four of its officers to patrol the City of St. Regis Park. In addition to himself, those officers are Ron Fey Ronald.Fey@LouisvilleKY.gov, Eddie Phillips Eddie.Phillips@LouisvilleKY.gov, and Cliff Roberts Clifford.Roberts@LouisvilleKy.gov. This will be of great benefit to the City, the officers becoming more familiar with residents, addresses, and points of concern. The Small City Activity Report will be printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN

Mr. Milburn reviewed the following projects:

- The spalled sidewalk repair contract with Shane Whitaker Concrete was cancelled and reissued to Construction Solutions for the same amount (\$3,490). This project will be completed by April 30, 2013.
- There are several sidewalks that need to be grinded and this project will be done during the 2014 fiscal period. Mr. Milburn will provide a budgetary number at the April meeting.
- Mr. Milburn will assist Mr. Schweickhardt on the street sign replacement project (see below).

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: ANDREW AMON

Mr. Amon reported 98 miles were patrolled during the month of February and nine (9) Hi Neighbor notices were issued. Mr. Amon will continue to follow the open cases he has filed with Metro Louisville.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 6, Series 2013, to amend **Ordinance 90.10 ANIMALS IN THE CITY LIMITS; PROHIBITIONS** and to now include the word "**chickens**" and reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, The City desires to update its code of ordinances and certain changes need to be made to complete the process,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SAINT REGIS PARK, KENTUCKY:

Section 1: Chapter 90 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby modified as follows:

It shall be unlawful to keep within the city limits any swine, sheep, goats, horses, ponies, chickens or cattle."

A motion was made by Mr. Walsh to accept the second reading of **Ordinance No. 6, Series 2013, amending**

The City has "No Parking" signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call City Clerk Bill Hodapp at 491-7777 for information regarding the use of these signs.

Ordinance 90.10, and to adopt the amended ordinance effective immediately. Mr. Aldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote. All Council Members in attendance were unanimous in favor of the ordinance's passage. The amended ordinance was adopted. Mr. Amon will contact any resident in violation of this revised ordinance.

Mr. Singler will begin the process to place liens on those properties that are delinquent on property taxes and concrete repairs.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt presented a report for the replacement of all street signs and poles within the city. The budgetary numbers exceed \$20,000. Mr. Singler will prepare a bid specification and advertise publically for competitive bids during the 2014 fiscal period.

Mr. Schweickhardt is developing a City Tree Planting Campaign with the help of Mr. Singler. All of the Council Members and several residents in attendance were in favor of pursuing this project. If any resident wishes to get involved, please contact Mr. Schweickhardt.

Ms. Laurie Probus, Municipal Representative with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services, presented a contract extension proposal for trash, recycling and yard waste services. The current Rumpke contract expires on June 30, 2013, and Rumpke has proposed to honor a 2 year extension with no price increases. Mr. Singler will review the contract extension language. The Council will vote on the contract proposal at

the April 2 meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN

Mr. Allen reviewed the following events:

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 23, at 10am at the Bullitt property located at the end of Lincoln Road.
- Ascension Church has requested to hold a 5K race within the City on Saturday, May 18. Ms. Paige Griffin and Mr. Kenny Griffin of Mahan Drive and Mr. Bob Feger of Lincoln Road attended the meeting. They will work with Mr. Allen to ensure the run is safely coordinated. There will be some road closures within the City during the event. There will be no cost to the City for this event.
- Light Up St. Regis Park is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2013. Mr. Allen and Ms. Bailey Hoard are working on a plan/budget and will update the Council at the April 2 meeting. The Council approved to move forward with the signing of a contract for trolleys but declined to do so with a contract for horse trams/carriages.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett will be scheduling a Block Watch meeting in May 2013. Ms. Willett also commended KLE on the timely delivery of their daily reports.

BUILDING PERMITS – BOB ALDRIDGE

Mr. Aldridge has issued three (3) permits. Mr. Aldridge has also been working with Mr. Singler on the development of a Code Enforcement Board ordinance and will update the



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FINANCE – JIM WALSH

Mr. Walsh will begin working on the 2014 budget with the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer in April.

MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley advised that a marketing meeting was held in February. Several ideas were discussed. Mr. Wheatley is also updating the City’s e-mail system.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves is working with Ms. Hoard on the possible revision of the newsletter format.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City has received a \$3,000 safety grant from the Kentucky League of Cities. This money is in addition to the Neighborhood Development Funds (NDF) grants previously received from Metro Louisville. This money is earmarked for the ADA sidewalk ramp project which was completed in the summer of 2012. Thanks to Mr. Graves for pursuing the grant money.

Mr. Hodapp contacted the Metro Parks Department regarding the possible donation of a tree previously awarded to the City of St. Regis Park. That proposal is presently being reviewed by Metro Parks.

NEW BUSINESS:

The McMahan Fire District is in the process of upgrading their e-mail system. Mr. Wheatley will coordinate for the City’s use of that system.

Mr. Hodapp reported the City’s Radar Speed Sign has been shipped for repair. The costs will be minimal.

Mr. Hodapp will order 13 copies of the St. Regis Park Ordinance Book from the publisher along with an updated disc of the ordinances. All City Ordinances will then be reviewed for accuracy, revision, repeal, etc.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Stephen and Bailey Hoard of Mt. Vernon Road attended. They are actively involved in the City’s marketing campaign and special events.

Linda Baldwin of Statton Road attended but had no comments.

Norman “Butch” and Mary Schindler of Dannywood Road attended. They want to be involved with the City tree program. Mrs. Schindler will send an e-mail to the Council outlining her ideas.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 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.

ORDINANCE OF THE MONTH

ST. REGIS PARK ORDINANCE 90.02 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

- (A) No person who is the owner of any animal shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon any enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot or enclosure.
- (B) The owner of an animal who permits it to run at large in violation of this section is liable for all damages caused by the animal upon the premises of another, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than \$500 for each offense. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

Council Member Meeting Attendance 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings Held</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>	<u>YTD%</u>
Brandt Davis	3	2	67%
Bob Aldridge	3	3	100%
Talbott Allen	3	3	100%
Bob Graves	3	3	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	3	3	100%
Jim Walsh	3	2	67%
Frank Wheatley	2	2	100%
Cheryl Willett	3	3	100%

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS?

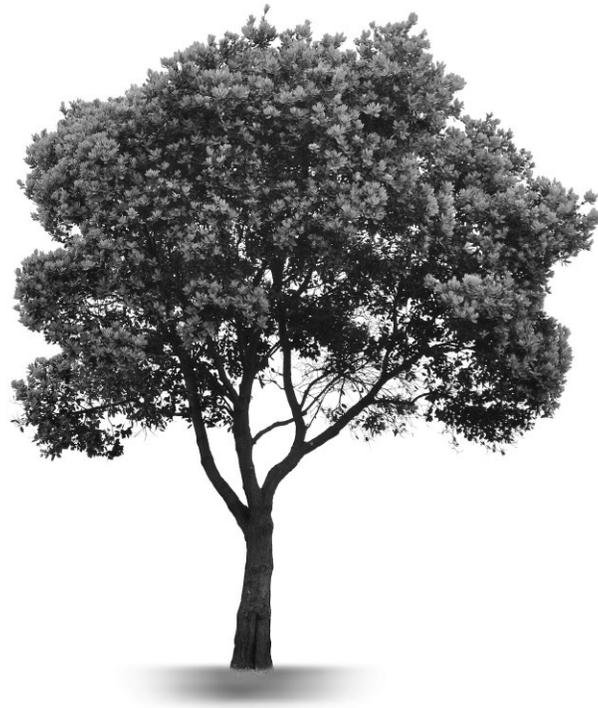
“Am I witnessing a crime?” Most of us have found ourselves wondering this at some time or another. However, because we are not really sure, we tend to ignore what we have just seen and, hoping it wasn't so, we continue to go about our business.

“PEOPLE AREN'T SUSPICIOUS, BEHAVIOR IS!”

Signs and behavior to look for that may be suspicious:

- A person running.
- A stranger carrying property.
- A person going door-to-door in a residential area.
- Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle or residence.
- Business transactions being conducted from a vehicle.
- One or more persons sitting in a parked car exhibiting suspicious behavior.
- A juvenile or female being forced into a vehicle.
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms.
- Unusual noises.
- Noxious odors from or around a building such as “musty” smells.

The old adage, ***“better safe than sorry”*** is true. If you believe you've seen something suspicious and it's an **emergency**, don't hesitate, **CALL 911**. If not any emergency, still report what you've seen. **Call 574-LMPD, 574-2111 or 311.**



TREES

***“I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree...”***
with apologies to Joyce Kilmer

Over the last few years St. Regis Park has suffered a virtual epidemic of tree loss. Every day, it seems, the sounds of tree trimmers and wood chippers can be heard, as the birds look on in dismay at the destruction of their homes. Whether from disease, drought, or “global warming,” more and more of our yards are presenting a naked face to the elements.

Aside from their obvious aesthetic contribution, trees provide oxygen to the atmosphere and greatly reduce the harsh effects of the sun. Temperatures can be lowered by as much as 6-10 degrees, and energy consumption significantly reduced.

A park, by definition, is an “area with landscaping,” hopefully with many species of trees. So, if you’ve lost a tree recently, please consider replanting this spring, and help our beloved St. Regis PARK restore its good name!

Sandy Byrd
2417 Aintree Way



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **February 2013**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings
Location:						
Woodmont/Lincoln	2					
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1	3				2
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	1	1			1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	1					
Dannywood/Browns		6		3		
Browns/Lincoln		4				
4600 Block Lincoln						
Browns/Brookhaven						
4100 Block Lincoln				1		
Dannywood/Woodmont				1		1
Statton/Woodmont	1			1		
Woodmont/StRegis	1					1
St Regis Ln		1		2		
Browns/Lowe				1		
Mt. Vernon	2	4		1		2
Total:	9	19	0	10	1	6
YTD Total:	15	46		26	3	9
Resident:	4	7	0	1	0	5
Non-Resident:	5	12	0	9	1	1
YTD- Resident	4	14	0	7	0	7
YTD-Non-Resident	11	32	0	19	3	2

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

*6

1 - Towed Vehicle (Non-Res)

House watches:

St. Regis Lane - 8
Mt. Vernon - 15

Warrant Attempts: 2

Abbreviations:

DSS= disregarding stop sign
SPD= speeding
RD= reckless driving



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Bob Aldridge, Building Permits – 290-8230

Talbott Allen, Special Events – 451-3776

Bob Graves, Communications Facilitator – 451-2047

Louie Schweickhardt, Public Works – 442-5922

Jim Walsh, Finance – 452-6515

Frank Wheatley, Director of Marketing – 452-2343

Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

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Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 671-9469

Andrew Amon, Citation Officer – 451-6360

CITY NUMBERS

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ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,

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½ page	\$1000/year	\$500/six months
Full Page	\$1800/year	\$900/six months



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