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# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER April 2014



Number 4

Dear Fellow Residents:

As each of you know, we have experienced one of the worst winters in decades. As of this writing, we've had twenty separate snow/ice events. Our total snowfall so far this year has been 24.8 inches. The normal snowfall for this time of year averages 11.2 inches. For the second time in recent memory, Rumpke found it necessary to delay their pickups due to the inclement weather. Although notice of the delay was posted on the City's website, Facebook page and sent by email blast, it is obvious many residents didn't get the word.

Last month's newsletter contained **Snow Removal Guidelines for the City of St. Regis Park**. One of the questions specifically addressed was "How does snow affect trash and recycling pickup?" All residents were encouraged to visit the City's website, [www.stregispark.net](http://www.stregispark.net), and add their email address so they could receive important notices. If you have not already done so, please do so at this time. This is the fastest and most effective way our residents can be made aware of significant events.

Residents were also encouraged to not park in the streets when weather forecasts predict a significant snow/ice event. As previously outlined, curbside parking not only hampers snow removal efforts, it also restricts access by sanitation and emergency vehicles. For those of you who removed your vehicles from the street during the most recent storm, thank you. For those who didn't, please remember to do so in the future.

Several important events are on the horizon. First is the City's annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. This will be held on Saturday, April 12, in the field at the end of Lincoln Road from 10 am until noon. Fire truck rides will be provided by the McMahan Fire Protection District, and there will be a special guest appearance by the **Easter Bunny**.

Also, the Church of the Ascension's annual **Summer Festival** will be on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31. A 5K walk/run is being planned for Saturday morning, May 31, as part this year's activities. Additional details will be posted on the City's website as they become available.

2014 will be a significant and important year for the City of St. Regis Park. The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4. For our City, this is a nonpartisan race; there is no Primary Election. The position of Mayor and all seven (7) City Council seats are up for election this year. The Mayor serves a four (4) year term, while Council

Members are elected every two (2) years. Candidates must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of the City of St. Regis Park for not less than one (1) year, a qualified voter in the City, and must reside in St. Regis Park throughout his/her term of office.

For information on candidate filing procedures, qualifications for each office, filing fees and sample filing forms, you may download the "Declaring Your Candidacy" publication at [www.sos.ky.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ky.gov/elections) or call 502/574-5886. Candidates may file any time before the deadline of Tuesday, August 12 at 4:00 pm. The filing fee for Mayor and/or City Council is \$50.00. All local candidates will file their forms at the Jefferson County Election Center, 810 Barrett Avenue, Room 103, Louisville.

I encourage **all** qualified residents to become active in your City's government. Run for public office. To paraphrase the Marine Corps' advertisements, **the City of St. Regis Park needs a few good men and women**.

Sincerely,  
*Brandt Davis*, Mayor

## IMPORTANT DATES

- APRIL 1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:30 PM)  
RECYCLING PICKUP  
APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- APRIL 11 THE FILLIES DERBY BALL
- APRIL 12 ST. REGIS PARK EASTER EGG HUNT (ON THE FIELD AT THE END OF LINCOLN RD 10:00 AM -- NOON)  
THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE
- APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY
- APRIL 14 PASSOVER
- APRIL 15 2013 INCOME TAX RETURNS DUE  
RECYCLING PICKUP
- APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY  
BASKETBALL CLASSIC
- APRIL 19 KY DERBY FESTIVAL  
MARATHON/MINIMARATHON
- APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY
- APRIL 22 EARTH DAY
- APRIL 23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
- APRIL 24-26 GREAT BALLOONFEST
- APRIL 29 RECYCLING PICKUP
- APRIL 30 GREAT STEAMBOAT RACE

**CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR**  
**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2014**

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members Talbott Allen, Greg Dietz, Bob Graves, Stephen Hoard, Louie Schweickhardt, Frank Wheatley, Cheryl Willett.  
Absent: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Brandt Davis called the meeting to order and introduced Judge Annette Karem who is seeking re-election to Jefferson County District Court – Division One. Judge Karem has served on the bench for eight years, is a lifelong resident of Louisville, graduated from Assumption High School and the University of Louisville, and serves on several local boards. She is also the niece of St. Regis Park resident Mr. Bob Feger of Lincoln Road. Her complete professional profile can be obtained by visiting [www.citizensforbetterjudges.org/endorsements/karem.htm](http://www.citizensforbetterjudges.org/endorsements/karem.htm).

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Greg Dietz presented the Financial Report for February 2014. The General Fund revenues for the month were \$17,426.62 with year-to-date revenues at 340,651.78. Total expenses for the month were \$18,378.39 with year-to-date expenses at \$219,726.12, resulting in excess revenue over expenses of \$120,925.66.

Total monthly revenues for the Road Fund were \$2,929.54 with year-to-date revenues at \$24,337.86. Total expenses for the month were \$6,100.00 with total year-to-date expenses at \$11,250.00, resulting in excess revenue of \$13,087.86. Complete financials are posted on the City's website at [www.stregispark.net](http://www.stregispark.net).

Mr. Louie Schweickhardt made a motion to accept the February 2014 Financial Report as presented. Mr. Talbott Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Dietz discussed investment options for the City and will continue to pursue money market and certificate of deposit rates. Mr. John Singler, City Attorney, recommended contacting the Kentucky League of Cities. They have a program that has helped other cities to obtain favorable returns on their investments.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mr. Bob Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held February 4. Ms. Cheryl Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

**POLICE REPORT:**

LMPD Officer Kenneth Betts, representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE), was present and distributed the February Small City Police Activity Report which will be published in the monthly newsletter. Officer Betts will begin doing some foot patrols in the City during the spring and summer months.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Not Present)**

No report.

**CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: DREW AMON**

Mr. Amon attended the meeting and will be riding with Mr. Allen during the next month. Mr. Allen issued nine high neighbor notices and one warning in February.

Due to the severe weather, there are still several trees and limbs down in yards. Mr. Allen will ensure those residents are given adequate time to clean up the debris during the month of March. The yard waste pickup by Rumpke will resume on March 5 (there was a one day delay due to inclement weather). Residents have the opportunity to place debris at the curb; however, it must either be bundled or placed in trash containers.

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

Mr. Singler discussed the proposed Comcast purchase of Time Warner Cable and explained there will be no impact to the City.

**PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT**

Mr. Schweickhardt plans to meet with those residents who have expressed an interest in serving on the Tree Board and will make arrangements to introduce them at the April Council Meeting.

**SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN**

Mr. Allen reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 12. Ms. Willett will coordinate the event. A flyer will be in the April newsletter.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT**

No Report

**BUILDING PERMITS – STEPHEN HOARD**

No Report

**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.**

**MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY**

No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES**

No Report

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Bob Feger of Lincoln Road discussed the proposed Ascension 5K run/walk through the City on May 31. This will be part of the Church of the Ascension’s Summer Festival scheduled for May 30 and 31. More details and a map of the course will be published in the May newsletter.

Mr. Bill Holton of Dannywood Road attended but had no comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A smoke detector program and grant funding are being researched by Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief of the McMahan Fire Protection District. More details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

The Mayor asked about hosting a possible safety fair. It was recommended this type of activity be held in conjunction with one of the other City sponsored events.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The City received a \$1,500 safety grant from the Kentucky League of Cities to be used for funding the new regulatory traffic signs. To date, the City has received \$5,900 in grant

money for the new street sign project that was completed in the fall of 2013.

The election for City Mayor and Council Members will be held on Tuesday, November 4. Details will be provided in upcoming newsletters on how and where to apply for residents that may be interested in running. Mayor Davis said he does not plan to seek re-election at this time.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dietz. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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.

**Council Member Meeting Attendance 2014**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Meetings Held</u></b>	<b><u>Meetings Attended</u></b>	<b><u>YTD%</u></b>
<b>Brandt Davis</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Talbott Allen</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Greg Dietz</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Bob Graves</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Stephen Hoard</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Louie Schweickhardt</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Frank Wheatley</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Cheryl Willett</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>



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# Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **February 2014**

Traffic Stops: DSS Speeding RD Other Arrests Warnings  
Location:

Woodmont/Lincoln	3					1
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1					1
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook						
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	1					
Dannywood/Browns		2			1	1
Browns/Lincoln		2				
4600 Block Lincoln						
Browns/Brookhaven		2				
4300 Block Lincoln						
Dannywood/Woodmont		1			1	1
Statton/Woodmont	2				3	1
Woodmont/St Regis	2					
St Regis Ln		1			2	2
Browns/Lowe		2			1	
Mt. Vernon	2	3				5

Total: 11 13 0 8 0 12

YTD Total: 23 24 1 21 2 18

Resident: 4 5 4 9

Non-Resident: 7 8 4 3

YTD- Resident 7 7 4 14

YTD-Non-Resident 16 17 1 17 2 4

### Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - 1  
Stranded Motorist -  
Council Meeting - 1

Suspicious Person -  
Foot Patrol - 2  
Aid in Collision -

Towed Vehicle -  
Officer Assist -  
Business Check - 62  
Burglar Alarm -

### House Watches:

St. Regis Lane - 1  
Stormon - 6  
Cambridge -

Lincoln -  
Foxy Poise -  
Lowe -

Mt. Vernon -  
Woodward -  
Aintree -

Lynnbrook -  
Saddle Ct -  
Ashfield -  
Dannywood -

Warrant Attempts: -

Summons Attempts: -

### Abbreviations:

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

# PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

## SPRING SAFETY TIPS

With somewhat warmer weather and longer days approaching, residents are focusing on long neglected projects like spring cleaning, home repairs and yard work. Homeowners are ready to clean up items that have accumulated over the winter.

Reduce the amount of clutter inside and outside your home. While clutter does not start fires, it can become fuel for a fire. Household and pool chemicals, paints and poisons should be marked and stored out of children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking or expired. Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are also marked and stored in a cool dry place away from the house and away from children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage. Common household chemicals can fuel a fire and can also be hazardous to your health. Maintain only the amounts you need and be sure to use, store and dispose of household hazardous materials in a safe manner as outlined on the product.

Your medicine cabinet is not meant to be a storage area for all of the medicines your child has ever been prescribed. Spring cleaning is a good time to get rid of them and any expired over-the-counter medicines you may have.

Maintain your yard – trim bushes, plants and trees. Removing vegetation clears fuel for any potential fire. Keep gutters and roofs clear of leaves and other buildup. Check the kids' play area for sharp objects, poisonous plants, and tripping hazards.

Clean up work areas by putting tools and other work items away from children's reach. Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers and magazines. Pay attention to spaces around your hot water tanks, fireplaces, space heaters and dryers as well as under stairs.

Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks and



be sure to store any propane tanks at least 10 feet away from your house and garage. Locate grills a safe distance, also at least 10 feet, from buildings or wooden decks.

Test all your smoke alarms to insure they are working. Change the batteries at least once every year. Most smoke alarms also need "spring cleaning" maintenance – check your manual.

Spring cleaning can improve the safety of your home and your family!

### NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCKWATCH PROGRAM

If you are not already on the email list for the City of St. Regis Park's Blockwatch, send your name and email address to: [cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com](mailto:cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com) .

**STAY ALERT! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CALL 911.**

# INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

## How the IRS Selects Taxpayers to be Audited

Ever wonder how the Internal Revenue Service selects which taxpayers to audit? Well, it isn't always a matter of chance. There are certain factors that can make your tax return stand out from the rest. Since the IRS pays more attention to some returns than others, it's important to understand the factors that may increase the likelihood auditors may take an interest in your situation. If you're audited, you may have to make additional payments for invalid deductions or expenses. Since it's easy to make mistakes when filing your taxes, be sure and keep all your documentation in case you're audited.

Here are eight potential *red flags* that could trigger the scrutiny of the IRS:

- 1. High Incomes.** The possibility of your being audited increases substantially once your income exceeds \$200,000, according to a recent report on its enforcement activity.
- 2. Large Itemized Deductions.** Deduct every penny you're entitled to, but realize that if your itemized tax deductions are bigger than the IRS' target range for individuals at your income level, your return may get a second look.
- 3. Home Offices.** You can only take a home office deduction if you meet all of the qualifications, including regularly and exclusively using part of your home as your principal place of business. For example, if your office doubles as the kids' playroom, you're generally unable to deduct it. For details, see **IRS Publication 587**.
- 4. Missing Investment Income.** You know the *IRS Form 1099* financial services companies send you that summarizes your interest and dividends for the year. The IRS also receives that information. Make sure your return properly includes this information.
- 5. Incomplete Returns.** If your return is missing a few pieces, the IRS may wonder what else you forgot. A tax preparation service that calculates figures you enter, such as *Turbo Tax* or a tax professional, may help you avoid certain clerical errors that raise auditors' eyebrows. Still, you are responsible for providing the correct information.
- 6. Business Losses.** In a tough economy, business losses are more common, but that doesn't mean the IRS won't double check them. Make sure your expenses are legitimate and eligible to be deducted and that your business isn't just a thinly disguised hobby.
- 7. Charitable Deductions.** You need a cancelled check or dated receipt for any cash contributions, and contributions of \$250 or more require a written acknowledgement from the charity. If you made a noncash contribution valued at more than \$5,000, you'll need an expert appraisal to back up your claim.
- 8. Medical Expenses.** If you're 64 or younger, you can deduct these costs only to the extent they're greater than 10% of your adjusted gross income. It's important to keep detailed records. Remember, you can't deduct the cost of over-the-counter medicine, health club dues or most cosmetic surgeries.

If you're doubtful about the decisions you're making when completing and filing your tax return, consider hiring a professional. Spending money for expert guidance today could help you avoid paying increased taxes and penalties tomorrow.

**Make certain you know the *TRUE VALUE* of your home before you list it for sale. Consult a professional.**

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#### **ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,  
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