



CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

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Dear Fellow Residents:

Unfortunately, it seems the Ground Hog's early February prediction was accurate – at least this year. In fact, as the saying goes, March came in like a lion with more snow and extremely cold weather. We hope it will also go out like a lamb. But no matter what, on March 20th we'll welcome the first day of spring, and that should bring with it some warmer, sunnier days.

April will be an exciting month both in the City of St. Regis Park and in Greater Louisville. The **Kentucky Derby Festival** will be underway with a number of events listed under "**Important Dates**" in the newsletter, concluding with the 141st running of the **Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 2nd.**

On **Saturday, April 25th**, the City will hold what we anticipate to be the **First Annual St. Regis Park Arbor Day Celebration.** Activities will be held in the cafeteria and on the grounds of the **Church of the Ascension**, 4600 Lynnbrook Drive, from **2 – 4 p.m.** Residents will have an opportunity to meet the City's Consulting Arborist, Ms. **Cindi Sullivan.** Many of you may already know Cindi from television and radio and her appearances in a number of local commercials. Cindi will have available the results of the Tree Survey conducted last fall. See what trees are on your property. You will also have the opportunity to meet your neighbors on the **St. Regis Park Tree Board – Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle and Mary Mattingly.** Refreshments will be provided, an ornamental tree will be given away and games and activities will be available for the children. There will be fun for everyone.

In addition to the tree being given away on Arbor Day, the City of St. Regis Park is purchasing **30 trees to be given to residents for planting in their front or side yards.** Cindi Sullivan was able to negotiate an exceptional deal for these 2-3 inch caliper trees which will be professionally planted and mulched. If you are interested in receiving one of these trees, please follow the instructions outlined in the "**Branching Out**" article in this newsletter, and review the "**Policy Relating to Tree Planting Incentives.**" We are really looking forward to our "**Re-Tree the Park**" Campaign and intend to plant approximately 500 new trees over the next several years!!!

As a reminder, Council Meetings for the City of St. Regis Park are held the first Tuesday of each month at the McMahan Fire Station, 4318 Taylorsville Road, and now begin at 7:00 p.m. If you have never attended a Council Meeting, please join us. Meet your neighbors who serve on the Council and see your government at work. If you have any specific issues, we'll be glad to address them.

It will be great to get outdoors once again in warmer temperatures after the cold and snowy winter we've just been through. Still, regardless of the weather, **the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live! Together, we can make it even better!**

Sincerely,

Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

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| APRIL 3 | GOOD FRIDAY PASSOVER |
| APRIL 5 | EASTER SUNDAY |
| APRIL 7 | CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) |
| APRIL 10 | KY DERBY FESTIVAL NIGHT OF THE FUTURE STARS (7:00 PM, NEW ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL) |
| APRIL 11 | KDF BASKETBALL CLASSIC (7:00 PM, FREEDOM HALL) THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE (AIRSHOW @ 3:00 PM; FIREWORKS @ 9:30 PM) |
| APRIL 13 | KY DERBY FOUNDATION PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT (BIG SPRING COUNTRY CLUB, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) |
| APRIL 14 | RECYCLING PICKUP |
| APRIL 16-28 | KDF \$1 MILLION DOLLAR HOLE-IN ONE GOLF CONTEST (SENECA GOLF COURSE DRIVING RANGE) |
| APRIL 17 | KDF "THEY'RE OFF" LUNCHEON (11:30 AM, GALT HOUSE EAST, GRAND BALLROOM) |
| APRIL 22 | EARTH DAY |
| APRIL 23 | ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY CHOW WAGON & FEST-A-VILLE ON THE WATERFRONT (4/23/2015 - 5/1/2015) |
| APRIL 25 | KDF GREAT BALLOON RACE (7:00 AM) KDF MARATHON & MINIMARATHON (7:30 AM, WITHERSPOON STREET START) ST. REGIS PARK ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (ASCENSION CHURCH, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM) |
| APRIL 28 | RECYCLING PICKUP DAWN AT THE DOWNS BEAKFAST & WORKOUT (7:00 AM) |
| APRIL 29 | KY DERBY 141 POST POSITION DRAW (5:00 PM, TELEVISED ON NBC SPORTS NETWORK) GREAT STEAMBOAT RACE (4:30 PM BOARDING; 5:30 PM DEPARTURE; 6:00 PM RACE) |
| APRIL 30 | CELEBRITY DAY AT THE DOWNS (11:30 AM) PEGASUS PARADE (5:00 PM) THE TASTE OF DERBY (7:00 PM) GREAT BALLOON GLIMMER (8:30 PM) |

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members: Talbott Allen, Stephen Hoard, Louie Schweickhardt, Frank Wheatley, and Cheryl Willett.

Absent: Council Members Bob Graves and Eric Shackelford.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for February 2015. The General Fund revenues for the month were \$16,952.56, with year-to-date revenues at \$338,950.37. Total expenses for the month were \$16,505.45, with year-to-date expenses at \$200,297.05, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue over expenses of \$138,653.32.

The Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,998.11, with year-to-date revenues at \$24,147.44. Total expenses for the month were \$950.00, with year-to-date expenses at \$3,635.00, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue of \$20,512.44.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the February 2015 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion passed without dissent.

Complete financials are posted on the City's website at www.stregispark.net.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Wheatley made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on February 3, 2015. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Jason Sattich of the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department was present representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE). Although he had no report, the Small City Activity Report for February will be published in the April newsletter. Mayor Davis said he was concerned about speeding on Browns Lane. He requested more emphasis on that area particularly during the early morning hours.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

Mr. Schweickhardt will ask Mr. Milburn to conduct a survey of cracks on the City's streets.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

Mr. Betts patrolled 122 miles in February and issued twelve (12) Notices of Violation. Mr. Betts will work with Mr. Singler to address on-going issues at 4325 Statton Road. Mayor Davis will accompany Mr. Betts during one of the upcoming patrols in March.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler will file liens on rental properties whose owners have not paid the annual fee by April 1, 2015

PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

No Report

SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT

No Report

BUILDING PERMITS – STEPHEN HOARD

No Report

MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES

No Report

FINANCE – ERIC SHACKELFORD (Absent)

No Report

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Jane Ecker, along with the City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan, presented a policy relating to tree planting incentives through June 30, 2015. Ms. Ecker requested \$20,000 be made available to complete the purchase and planting of thirty (30) trees, host an Arbor Day celebration and pay for arborist services. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve Municipal Order #1, 2014-2015 approving the \$20,000. Mr. Hoard seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. A copy of the policy and the tree incentive program will be published in the April newsletter.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

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

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Shackelford will continue to work on a neighborhood CPR class.

Approved:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Joan Balthrop of Lynnbrook Drive submitted a written request asking for Lynnbrook Drive to be plowed up to Browns Lane. The snow removal company has agreed to plow the roadway at no additional cost to the City of St. Regis Park, however, it will be done after all of the company's paid accounts have first been serviced.

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.

Mr. James Ayre of Foxy Poise Road submitted a written request asking that the City review an emergency notification system. The Council felt there are a number of free notification services (i.e.; Code Red) offered and chose not to take action at this time.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Hoard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2015

| Name | Meetings Held | Meetings Attended | YTD% |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|------|
| Brandt Davis | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Talbott Allen | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Bob Graves | 3 | 2 | 67% |
| Stephen Hoard | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Louie Schweickhardt | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Eric Shackelford | 3 | 1 | 33% |
| Frank Wheatley | 3 | 3 | 100% |
| Cheryl Willett | 3 | 3 | 100% |



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INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

HOW TO SPEND YOUR TAX REFUND WISELY

It's that wonderful time of the year again – tax season. Whether you use the services of a tax professional or do your own taxes at home, you have to do them before April 15. Once you file your taxes you still have one big decision to make -- assuming you're due a refund. What are you going to do with that tax refund?

There are 5 options of how to wisely reinvest your tax refund

PAY OFF CREDIT CARD DEBT. Take this opportunity to pay off, or at least lower your credit card debt. If you have student loans, vehicle payments or mortgage payments, you could put your return toward those as well.

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE. Financial planning, although not very exciting, is important. Meet with a financial adviser and see what types of investments may be right for you. Perhaps it's time to start a Roth IRA if you don't already have one.

INVEST IN YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE. If you have children, and hope they will go to college one day, setting up a college fund now can help offset tuition and other expenses down the road.

BUY A NEW VEHICLE. Have you been dreaming of a new car? Your tax refund might give you that additional income for a significant down payment.

TAKE A VACATION. Everyone needs a little down time. Take some much needed time with your family, or just yourself, and get away for awhile.

No matter how you choose to use your tax refund, do something that will make you happy. While your neighbor is showing off his shiny new car, you might be smiling having invested in your children's 529 college savings program. It might not be flashy, but it will have a great reward one day when your children head off to college.

What are you planning to do with your tax refund?

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

A POLICY RELATING TO TREE PLANTING INCENTIVES CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK FOR SPRING 2015

The City of St. Regis Park has many mature trees, and the continued planting and maintenance of trees is a public purpose that benefits the entire community. The City set up a Tree Board to create incentives to increase the amount of healthy and appropriate tree canopy in the City. The following is a program recommended by the Tree Board and approved by the City Council to encourage tree planting in the Park:

1. The City has set aside a limited tree-planting budget, which can be used during the fiscal year that ends June 30th, 2015, for a program to provide incentives for City residents to plant new trees. The Tree Board, in consultation with the City Arborist, will use these budgeted funds to purchase and plant trees in the City of St. Regis Park.
2. Residents may make application to the Tree Board, which will review the applications, and based on the City Arborist's review of the site, decides which applications will be funded. Application may be made by written request to the Tree Board (email is fine) listing name, address, phone number, and email address. Deadline for the Spring 2015 planting is the 31st day of March, 2015.
3. It is important to the health and long-term viability of the trees in the neighborhood that the appropriate species of tree be planted and that it be planted in the appropriate location so as to not conflict with roadways, sidewalks, utilities or homes. Therefore, as a condition of participation in this program, the City Arborist will work with the homeowner and make the final decision as to location for each tree. The City Arborist will recommend the species for the homeowner to select from for planting.
4. The City must have permission from the property owner to enter private property and plant the tree. Therefore, no tree will be planted until each recipient signs the following Tree Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement, allowing the City access to the property. Further, once the tree is planted, the future maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner.
5. The budget for the year ending June 30th, 2015 is limited. Therefore, the awards will be based on a lottery system, with the need of each site reviewed by the City Arborist, taking into consideration the number, type, size and health of existing area trees. The City Arborist shall then make a recommendation to the Tree Board to award those applications that provide the greatest beneficial impact to the overall tree canopy of the City of St. Regis Park.

Tree Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement

As a resident of St. Regis Park, I agree to give the City of St. Regis Park (and its agents) permission to enter my premises for the purpose of planting trees and do hereby release them from any and all liability for same. I further agree that any and all future maintenance of any planted tree or trees is my responsibility. I agree to maintain my new tree(s) to the best of my ability using the guidelines provided by the City Arborist.

I will ensure that my tree(s) receives a regular and thorough soaking of the soil in the root zone and that the soil is kept consistently moist (but not wet) until the tree is well established.

I will ensure that my tree(s) maintain a healthy 2-3 inch layer of mulch over the root zone and that the mulch is kept from touching the trunk.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____

Date _____

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

SPRING CLEANUP FOR FIRE SAFETY

The snow has melted, the plants will soon be budding and the trees blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that dreaded ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this “Spring Cleanup” a fire safe one, the following safety tips are provided:

- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum your smoke alarms every six months or as needed.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries to use for toys or other equipment.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a motor fuel – never as a cleaning agent.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from buildings, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only – not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

If you have any questions or would like clarification of any safety tips or a free safety inspection of your home, call the McMahan Fire Protection District at 491-4745.

STAY ALERT! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CALL 911. SEE SOMETHING –SAY SOMETHING!





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 Louie Schweickhardt, Public Works – 639-7731
 Eric Shackelford, Finance – 379-7721
 Frank Wheatley, Director of Marketing/IT – 452-2343
 Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

CITY EMPLOYEES

Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 671-9469
 Kenneth Betts, Citation Officer – 664-2784

CITY NUMBERS

St. Regis Park City Hall – 491-7777
 499-5501 (Fax)
 E-Mail – cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com
 Website – www.stregispark.net
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ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,
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