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Dear Fellow Residents:

By the time you receive this newsletter, Independence Day will have come and gone. Councilman **Louie Schweickhardt** and his volunteers did an excellent job insuring each house had an American flag placed in their yard on the 4th of July. In addition, almost single-handedly, Louie has coordinated the procurement and replacement of all traffic control signs and a number of faded street signs throughout the City. These are to be installed in six to eight weeks. **Hats off to Louie! A sincere thank you for jobs well done to Louie and those involved! A special thanks to the following residents for their help with the flags: Lisa, Hayden and Ben Mattingly; Laura, Jason, Avery and Aiden Lewis with Fred Krebs; Doug, Michelle, Tessa and Jack Neilsen; Julie and David Ernst with Andy, Amy and Lydia Hildenbrand; Joe and Terry Bowling; Cheryl Willett; Mary Beth and Todd Raque; Bud and Judy Campbell; Kelly and Sam Schweickhardt.**

Congratulations to the newest member of the St. Regis Park City Council, **Greg Dietz**. He was appointed at the July Council Meeting to fill the unexpired term of the late Jim Walsh. Greg and his wife, Amber, live on Mt. Vernon Road. He is a bank Associate Vice-President/Branch Manager and a licensed realtor, and is an alumnus of St. Xavier High School and the University of Louisville. His financial expertise will be a distinct asset to the Council and the City.

Although the entire road network of the City was repaved approximately two years ago, some problems have developed, most notably at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Road and Aintree Way. The original contractor has agreed to mill and repave this intersection at no cost to the City even though the warranty period has expired. It is anticipated this work will occur sometime during the third week of July. In addition, several pavement cracks have developed throughout the City. Those will also be sealed to preserve the life of the roadways. We anticipate this will cause minimal inconvenience to our citizens, however, our apologies to those of you who may be personally affected. This project will not last long, and your patience will be appreciated.

In the June newsletter, the "Ordinance of the Month" dealt with nuisances in respect to maintaining one's property. One section in particular stated in part "all owners of property containing any sidewalk shall maintain an unobstructed walkway of at least eight feet in height, branches and trees shall not encroach upon any sidewalk...." As a courtesy to those who use our sidewalks, please trim your shrubs and tree branches and insure the pathway is clear of obstructions.

Already this summer, many of our citizens have taken advantage of our "House Watch" Program. The best deterrent to crime is to be prepared. If you only plan to be away from home for

a short period or even longer, a day or two, several, a week, a month, etc., let our police officers know by contacting Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) at jaubrey@kleonline.net. As outlined previously, your home will be checked several times a day to insure everything is secure. Sign up online with the property address, dates you'll be away, and emergency contact information.

Several residents have inquired as to the date of the **City-Wide Yard Sale**. The date has been set for the first Saturday in September – **September 7** – from 8:00 A.M. on. There has been considerable discussion as to whether this annual event should be continued. The disruption in traffic and the influx of non-residents are inconveniences to many of our citizens. The extent of overall participation will be closely monitored this year and will be the major determining factor as to whether or not the Yard Sale will occur in the future. If any citizen would like to provide feedback on whether or not the Annual Yard Sale is continued, please email (cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com) or call City Hall (491-7777).

In the past six months, three separate vacancies have occurred on the City Council. In each instance, quality candidates have stepped forward to express their willingness to participate in the leadership of our community. Without mentioning each applicant by name, I want to express my sincere appreciation and that of the Council to those involved. By example, each of you has personally demonstrated St. Regis Park is a great place to live, and together, we can make it even better. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

- AUGUST 1 AIR FORCE DAY
- AUGUST 4 COAST GUARD DAY
- AUGUST 6 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(McMahan Fire District @ 7:30 PM)
- RECYCLING PICKUP
- AUGUST 15 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BEGINS
- AUGUST 20 RECYCLING PICKUP
- AUGUST 25 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR ENDS

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 2, 2013

Following are the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Davis, Allen, Graves, Hoard, Schweickhardt, Wheatley, Willett.

Absent: None.

Open: One.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Prior to the meeting, Council Members interviewed Mr. Greg Dietz, Mr. Eric Shackelford, and Mr. Jeff Weis who had applied for the open seat. A motion was made by Mr. Talbott Allen to appoint Mr. Dietz. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen Hoard. Four members were in favor and two were opposed. The motion passed. Mayor Davis appointed Mr. Dietz to fill the open Council position. He was sworn in by Mr. John Singler, City Attorney.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, the City's accountant, presented the Financial Report for June and the twelve months ending June 30, 2013. Total Revenues for the month were \$1,227.61, and the General Fund's total revenues for the year-to-date were \$381,220.78. Total Expenses for the month were \$20,048.58, and the General Fund's total expenses for the year-to-date were \$286,009.07 resulting in excess revenue over expenses of \$95,211.71. The General Fund balance as of June 30, 2013 was \$580,750.59.

Revenues for the Road Fund were \$2,725.12 as of June 30, 2013 with no incurred expenses during the month. The Road Fund balance as of June 30, 2013 was \$53,791.87.

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

Ms. Cheryl Willett made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Bob Graves 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 June 4, 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 presented the June 2013 Small City Activity Report to be published in the monthly newsletter.

In addition, Officer Betts advised there would be increased traffic patrols throughout the City. He was also asked to observe a vacant property on Lincoln Road. McMahan Fire Chief Pat Walsh will also inspect the property and contact Metro Louisville if additional measures are necessary to ensure the home is secure.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN

Mr. Mel Milburn reviewed the following projects:

It is anticipated the asphalt pavement at the intersection of Mount Vernon Road and Aintree Way will be milled and re-paved by Flynn Brothers during the third week of July. This will be done at no cost to the City. In addition, the Council approved to pay Flynn Brothers \$800 to seal several pavement cracks throughout the City as directed by Mr. Milburn. A motion was made by Mr. Graves to approve the funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frank Wheatley. The motion passed without dissent.

The Council was concerned about the roadways since the asphalt is only two years old. Mr. Milburn stated the original road substrate made it impossible to apply a 4.5"- 6" layer of asphalt as there is only a 2.5" of asphalt covering. He recommended the City consider different alternatives when the roadways are re-paved in the future.

The Council approved spending \$11,000 to replace or repair (grind) several sections of sidewalk that Mr. Milburn had determined to be a safety concern. The contract was awarded to Shane Whittaker Construction. Mr. Schweickhardt made a motion to approve the funding. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: DREW AMON

Mr. Amon reported 105 miles were patrolled during the month of June and twelve (12) Hi Neighbor notices were issued. Mr. Amon and Mr. Singler will work together to address issues of an abandoned vehicle in a resident's driveway and two properties that have unpaved driveways.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler has contacted the Bullitt property owner representative about the access road that leads to the field at the end of Lincoln Road. The City has obtained a budgetary figure to pave an access road and properly install the culvert at the fence line.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt reviewed the three bids received for the replacement of all traffic control street signs and poles within the City. Mr. Schweickhardt recommended the contract be awarded to Cornerstone Sign and Decal for \$26,968.08. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Hoard seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. The project should be completed within 6 to 8 weeks.

Mr. Schweickhardt has met with an arborist to coordinate a tree assessment in the City and recommended spending \$2,000 to complete the assessment. Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the funding. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. Mr. Graves voted no. The motion passed.

SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN

The annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 7. Council Members will be evaluating the overall participation to determine if this event will continue to be sponsored by the City in the future. Light Up St. Regis Park is scheduled for Saturday, December 14. The City will furnish to residents all the supplies necessary for the luminaries.

The July 4th flags will be placed in each yard by Mr. Schweickhardt and other neighborhood volunteers. Thanks to all those helping on this project. Mr. Schweickhardt stated it would be necessary

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.

to replace some of the flags after this year. The vendor from whom flags were purchased in the past has gone out of business; however, another vendor selling quality flags had been located. Mayor Davis instructed Mr. Schweickhardt to purchase the necessary replacement flags. Payment would be made from the Mayor's Contingency Fund.

Mr. Allen also recommended the City consider preparing a welcome packet for new residents. City Clerk Bill Hodapp will take an inventory of the number of city directories and ordinance exert books that are on hand.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett reviewed the monthly police report. There were several inconsistencies in respect to totals not being in agreement. This will be addressed with KLE and appropriate corrections will be made.

BUILDING PERMITS – STEPHEN HOARD

Mr. Hoard reported three Letters of Compliance were issued in June – sunrooms at 4510 Mt. Vernon Road and 4600 Lincoln Road and a bedroom at 4522 St. Regis Lane.

MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley is installing a link on the City website that residents can use to request a house watch while away. The Council Members' information on the website will also be updated.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves reported the monthly newsletter is being printed and delivered to residents in a timely manner. Beginning with the August issue, home sales in the City of St. Regis Park will be printed in the newsletter listing the address and the sale price. Coordination will be made with Mr. Dietz.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Allen distributed and requested the Council review a draft copy of a proposed nuisance ordinance and be prepared to discuss same at the August 6 Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hodapp advised the 2013 property tax bills will be mailed out within the next few weeks.

The Council discussed the possibility of soliciting bids for the next annual financial audit. Bids will be sought closer to the time for the audit to be conducted.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Eric Shackelford and Ms. Samantha Cosby of Dannywood Road attended the meeting but had no comments. The meeting was also attended by Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief of the McMahan Fire District.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheatley. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 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.



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ST. REGIS PARK CITY-WIDE YARD SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 house 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, so if possible, have a cell phone nearby.
- 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.

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

RENTERS WANT TO BUY

In a recently released study, Fannie Mae states that consumer attitudes continue to be favorable about homeownership, particularly with the younger generations, ages 18 to 34. Slightly over half of them think that owning a home makes more sense than renting when comparing the financial and lifestyle benefits.

90% of aspiring owners expect to purchase a home someday and slightly over half think they'll do it within five years. The primary challenges are having sufficient savings and the difficulty of getting a mortgage today. Younger renters see renting as a stepping stone toward homeownership.

Homeowners are far more likely than renters to be "very positive" about their housing experience. Some of the benefits identified are:

- Having control over what you do with your living space
- Having a sense of privacy and security
- Having a good place for your family or to raise your children
- Having the best investment plan
- Living in a nicer home
- Building up wealth
- Saving for retirement
- Living in a place where you and your family feel safe
- Feeling engaged in your community

The City of St. Regis Park provides all of these benefits. To satisfy a buyer's doubts about qualifying for a mortgage, make an appointment with a trusted mortgage professional or contact a qualified licensed realtor. For more information about the Fannie Mae survey, contact www.fanniemae.com.

HOUSES SOLD IN ST. REGIS PARK IN 2013 YEAR-TO-DATE

4428 Dannywood Road	\$249,900.00	2/27/2013
4313 Statton Road	\$223,500.00	4/10/2013
2706 Foxy Poise Road	\$257,000.00	4/12/2013
4404 St. Regis Lane	\$214,500.00	4/26/2013
2604 Mt. Vernon Road	\$207,500.00	5/23/2013
4419 Mt. Vernon Road	\$205,000.00	5/24/2013
4301 Mt. Vernon Road	\$226,000.00	6/18/2013
4320 Statton Road	\$220,000.00	6/24/2013
4316 Dannywood Road	\$223,500.00	6/28/2013
4316 St. Regis Lane	\$255,900.00	6/28/2013

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

SECURITY IN YOUR VEHICLE

BEFORE YOU DRIVE – CAR CONDITION

- Keep your car well maintained
- Always keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Purchase or lease a cell phone. Keep it charged or buy a cigarette lighter adapter for power and recharging.

DRIVING

- Be observant and aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Keep doors locked and windows closed at all times.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- Don't stop to help a stranger in a stalled vehicle. Go to a safe place and report it to police.
- If you are being followed, don't go home. Drive to a place with people around – a police or fire station or an open gas station.
- If someone tries to break into your car while you are in it, honk the horn in short and long bursts and try to drive them away.

CAR TROUBLE

- If you have car trouble, raise the hood and stay in the vehicle. If someone offers assistance, either roll the window down just enough to talk to them or write them a note. Ask them to phone the police.

PARKING

- Park in well-lit areas that are close to your destination.
- Always lock your vehicle when unattended.
- If you leave your keys with a parking attendant or at a service station, leave only the car (not your house) key. If possible, leave a "valet" key (one that doesn't work on the trunk), and put your valuables in the trunk. Take your garage door opener, registration, and insurance card with you.
- Alternate parking places rather than park in the same place every day.

RETURNING TO YOUR VEHICLE

- Always have your keys ready to unlock the car door and enter without delay. You can appear vulnerable if you look for your keys as you approach your car.
- Carry a small light on your key chain to see the car or house door lock easier.
- If security staff are available to walk you to your car, don't be embarrassed to ask for an escort. Most major malls offer this type of service.
- Check inside your car before getting in. Be sure to check the back seat.
- Look for any signs of tampering with your vehicle.

STAY ALERT! THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CALL 911.

Council Member Meeting Attendance 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings Held</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>	<u>YTD%</u>
Brandt Davis	7	5	71%
Talbott Allen	7	7	100%
Greg Dietz ***	1	1	100%
Bob Graves	7	6	86%
Stephen Hoard **	2	2	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	7	7	100%
Frank Wheatley *	6	6	100%
Cheryl Willett	7	7	100%

* Appointed February 5, 2013.

** Appointed June 4, 2013.

*** Appointed July 2, 2013.

ORDINANCE OF THE MONTH

Chapter 50: GARBAGE

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK ORDINANCE 830.01, Series 1991, passed 1-8-91

PLACEMENT: COLLECTION AND REMOVAL

- (A) No garbage, grass or trash shall be placed at the curbside before 3:00 p.m. the day prior to pickup.
- (B) All garbage cans and items not collected shall be removed from the curbside by 7:00 p.m. the day of pickup.
- (C) During the fall of the year, leaves may be placed at the curbside the day prior to pickup after 3:00 p.m., as proved in division (A).
- (D) The placement of garbage, grass, leaves or trash at the curbside shall be at least five feet from the property line.

(City of St. Regis Park Ordinances can be viewed on the City's website, www.stregispark.net .)



CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

NEWSLETTER

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491-4745 – Non-Emergency

2013 CITY COUNCIL

Brandt Davis, Mayor – 297-2820

MEMBERS

Talbott Allen, Special Events – 451-3776

Greg Dietz, Finance – 807-7894

Bob Graves, Communications Facilitator – 451-2047

Stephen Hoard, Building Permits – 931-7004

Louie Schweickhardt, Public Works – 639-7731

Frank Wheatley, Director of Marketing/IT – 452-2343

Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

CITY EMPLOYEES

Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 671-9469

Andrew Amon, Citation Officer – 724-7782

CITY NUMBERS

St. Regis Park City Hall – 491-7777

499-5501 (Fax)

E-Mail – cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com

Website – www.stregispark.net

Rumpke Waste Removal – 568-3800

ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,
7:30 P.M., at the McMahan Fire Station

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Business ad space is available in the newsletter. Please contact the City office at 491-7777 if you are interested in placing an ad. Ads must be camera ready and be sent electronically. The rate schedule is as follows:

1/8th page	\$300/year	\$150/six months
1/4th page	\$600/year	\$300/six months
½ page	\$1000/year	\$500/six months
Full Page	\$1800/year	\$900/six months



The McMahan Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station, 4318 Taylorsville Rd.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

Join us for our annual

**\$ St. Regis Park
Citywide Yard Sale
Saturday, September 7th
8:00 a.m. until ??**

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