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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER June 2013



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Dear Fellow Residents:

“Transparency” in government is all the rage now, but providing information to our residents is nothing new to the City of St. Regis Park. We employ numerous and various means to inform you of our goings on. We have a strong track record of being open and available, and in my mind, we have been “transparent” for a long time. In addition to the monthly newsletter, our City’s use of social media can be found by visiting our website, www.stregispark.net, and by accessing our Facebook page.

I previously reported the City’s contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services had been renewed at no increase in cost and no decrease in services. I am pleased to report more good news. At the May Council Meeting a budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1 was tentatively approved. In addition, the property tax rate is to remain the same as last year -- \$ 0.138 per hundred dollars valuation. This is a further example of your City Council’s commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Councilman Louie Schweickhardt, with the assistance of the City Attorney and City Engineer, has finalized the specifications for replacing the City’s street signs. Bids are being sought, and that project continues to move forward. An arborist has been consulted regarding the Tree Planting Campaign. We are hopeful a plan for the City will be finalized shortly.

Councilman Schweickhardt has also agreed to again be in charge of the distribution and placement of the American flags on the 4th of July. He needs help! If you can place flags on your block or assist in some other way, please contact him at 442-5922.

The City’s Marketing Committee, headed by Councilman Frank Wheatley, continues to develop new ways to promote St. Regis Park’s positive image. Any resident who owns a business and/or is interested in promoting their business, please contact Councilman Wheatley at 452-2343. He is interested in possibly developing a directory so we may support our fellow residents.

There have been several complaints recently regarding signs. If a sign has been placed on your property without your permission, by all means, remove and discard the item.

With Spring comes a season of renewal and new

beginnings. Many of our residents will no doubt begin remodeling and home improvement projects. Before you begin, please determine whether or not you need a permit. If you have a question, please call the City office – 491-7777.

This leads to a note of regret. Building permits for the City were the responsibility of Councilman Bob Aldridge. Councilman Aldridge and his wife recently purchased a residence outside the City. As a result, he tendered his resignation at the May Council Meeting. We want to convey to him our deep felt thanks for a job well done and all best wishes in the future.

We now have a vacancy on the Council. The position is being advertised elsewhere in the newsletter and has been posted on both the City’s website and Facebook page. This is open to all residents (you do not have to be a homeowner) who have lived in St. Regis Park for at least one year. You must also be a registered voter.

One of the wonderful things about being a mayor or council member anywhere is that we have the opportunity to accomplish great things. In St. Regis Park, thanks to your support, this Mayor and City Council are doing just that. We are proud we have been and will continue conveying to you the value of what we as a community accomplish together.

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES	
JUNE 4	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (McMahan Fire District @ 7:30 PM)
JUNE 11	RECYCLING PICKUP
JUNE 14	FLAG DAY
JUNE 16	FATHER’S DAY
JUNE 21	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
JUNE 25	RECYCLING PICKUP

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Davis, Aldridge, Allen, Graves, Schweickhardt, Walsh, Wheatley, Willett.
Absent: None

MAYOR'S REPORT – BRANDT DAVIS

Mayor Davis received Councilman Bob Aldridge's resignation letter. Mr. Jim Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation. Mr. Talbott Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. Mr. Aldridge is moving from the neighborhood. The Council was appreciative of his work on the Council since being elected in November of 2012.

Mr. Stephen Hoard, who resides on Mount Vernon Road, expressed an interest in the open Council position.

Those interested in the open position can submit their resumes to City Hall by the close of business on May 31, 2013. A candidate for City Council shall be a resident of the City for not less than one year prior to his or her appointment, at least 21 years of age, a qualified voter in the City, and shall reside in the City throughout his or her term of office. A Council Member is paid \$100.00 per month.

FINANCIAL REPORT – JIM WALSH

Mr. Walsh presented the Financial Report for the month and the ten months ending April 30, 2013. Total revenues for the month were \$9,936.78, and the General Fund's total revenues for the year-to-date were \$362,053.17. Total expenses for the month were \$20,982.87. The General Fund's total expenses for the year-to-date were \$243,098.13 resulting in excess revenues over expenses of \$118,955.04. The General Fund balance as of April 30, 2013, was \$612,493.92.

Revenues for the Road Fund were \$2,841.26 as of April 30, with no incurred expenses during the month. The Road Fund balance for the year-to-date was \$13,594.39. The complete financial reports are posted on the City's website at www.stregispark.net.

Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ms. Cheryl Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 2, 2013. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

LMPD Officer Kenneth Betts, representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE), presented the April 2013 Small City Activity Report (included) and discussed the "See Something, Say Something" campaign.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT – MEL MILBURN

Mr. Mel Milburn reviewed the following projects:

- The spalled sidewalk repairs have been completed.
- Meetings are being held with Flynn Brothers to discuss an action plan to repair the cracked asphalt on Mount Vernon Road and other areas within the City.
- There are several sidewalks that need grinding or replacement in the City. Mr. Milburn estimated the total cost will not exceed \$12,200. The budgetary pricing has been included in the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Mr. Hodapp will submit an application to the City of Louisville for funding assistance.
- Mr. Milburn assisted Mr. Louie Schweickhardt with the street sign specifications.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT – ANDREW AMON

Mr. Amon reported 98 miles were patrolled during the month of April. Forty eight (48) "Hi Neighbor" notices and one (1) citation were issued. Mr. Amon will continue to follow open cases he has filed with Metro Louisville.

Mr. Amon wished to thank the McMahan Fire Department for removing a tree that had fallen across Dannywood Road during a recent storm. He also discussed the Ordinance regarding temporary yard signs. Mr. Amon stated that temporary yard signs must be removed if the City receives complaints from residents.

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 would like to develop a plan to eliminate the ruts and mud.

Mr. Singler has also filed liens on four properties delinquent on sidewalk repairs.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt has prepared the specifications and bid packages for the replacement of all street signs and poles within the City during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. A copy of the specifications/ bid package can be obtained by contacting Mr. Schweickhardt or the St. Regis Park City Hall..

Mr. Schweickhardt continues to work on the City Tree Planting Campaign and recommended we have an arborist complete an assessment of the neighborhood. Mr. Schweickhardt will invite an arborist to one of the upcoming City Council Meetings to discuss the available options. Mr. Aldridge recommended the City be cautious about tree roots impacting the sewers. The City has budgeted \$2,000 for 2013-2014 for the Tree Planting Campaign. If any resident wishes to get more involved, please contact Mr. Schweickhardt.

Mr. Schweickhardt observed excessive graffiti on the I-64 sound barrier wall after the State Highway Department cut down the brush and weeds. Councilman Allen volunteered to paint over the graffiti if the City would purchase the paint and supplies.

SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN

Mr. Allen reviewed the following events:

- The proposed Ascension 5K run/walk through the City on May 18 was cancelled.
- Light-Up St. Regis Park is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2013.
- The July 4th flags will be placed in each yard. Mr. Schweickhardt will coordinate the event but needs help. A request for volunteers will be made in the newsletter.

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett will be scheduling a Block Watch meeting in June 2013. Please contact Ms. Willett if you have an interest in becoming actively involved in the Block Watch program.

Ms. Willett discussed the people that drive through the neighborhood looking for valuables in the trash. Officer Betts stated it is not illegal but the police officers discourage the practice.

BUILDING PERMITS – BOB ALDRIDGE

Mr. Aldridge had not received any permit applications.

MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley is preparing a City business directory. More information will be distributed at a later date.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES

Mayor Davis asked if there would be any opposition to advertising his insurance business in the monthly newsletter. The Council agreed that as long as he paid the required fees, he can advertise for as long as he wishes to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis requested the proposed Code Enforcement Board and Nuisance Ordinances be tabled until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis introduced the First Reading of the 2013-2014 City Property Tax Compensating Rate and Sanitation Tax. There were no proposed changes from the previous year. The proposed property tax rate is \$.138 cents per one hundred dollars of the assessed value. The proposed sanitation tax assessment on every residence has been set at the rate of \$172.20 per household. A motion was made by Mr. Allen to accept the First Reading of the proposed City property tax and sanitation rate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves. The motion passed without dissent.

Mayor Davis introduced the proposed First Reading of the 2013-

2014 budget for review and comment. After review, comments, and adjustments by the Council, Mr. Graves made a motion to accept the proposed First Reading of the budget. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Veeneman proposed a fee increase for his financial services. A motion was made by Mr. Graves to accept the fee increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed without dissent.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Stephen Hoard of Mt. Vernon Road attended. He is interested in the becoming a candidate for the vacated Council position.

Mr. Eric Shackelford of Dannywood Road attended and asked for clarification on the City Ordinance relating to temporary yard signs. This issue was addressed by Mr. Amon.

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 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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CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

A vacancy now exists on the St. Regis Park City Council. St. Regis Park Ordinance No. 4, Series 2012-2013 “**Regarding Vacancies on the City Council**” states in part that any vacant position must be advertised. Any **resident** (does not have to be a property owner) who is a registered voter and has lived in the City for at least one year may submit a resume to the City office. Resumes may be submitted by either e-mail to cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com or by first class mail to the following address:

**City Clerk
City of St. Regis Park
Post Office Box 20429
Louisville, Kentucky 40250-0429**

The City Clerk **must** receive all resumes **no later than** Friday, May 31, 2013. The Council shall review the resumes to insure all requirements are met. Interviews will then be conducted on the date of the next regular City Council Meeting, June 4, 2013. After interviewing all qualified candidates, the City Council will make a recommendation to fill the vacancy. The position will be filled by a majority vote of Council Members.

This notice is being published in the monthly newsletter and is also being posted on the City’s website and Facebook page.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of St. Regis Park is currently accepting proposals for the replacement of all street signs in the City. Bidders are asked to submit proposals in response to the bid specifications, which can be obtained by contacting Louie Schweickhardt at 442-5922.

Bids must be submitted by 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at the City offices, McMahan Fire Department, 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky, at which time, date and place they will be opened and read.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bidders must produce proof of adequate insurance. The winning bidder will be the lowest and best bidder.

ORDINANCE OF THE MONTH

City of St. Regis Park Ordinance 92.03: Certain Conditions Declared a Nuisance.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person having control or management of any land within the City to permit a public nuisance to develop thereon. The following conditions are declared to be public nuisances:

(D) Weeds and grass. All weeds and/or grass within the City limits shall be limited to nine inches in height. All curbs shall be maintained to prohibit any weeds or grass from growing over the curb. All owners of property containing any sidewalk shall maintain an unobstructed walkway of at least eight feet in height. Branches or trees and shrubs shall not encroach upon any sidewalk, sidewalk height restriction, nor the thirteen feet six inch vertical clearance above any roadway.

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

Council Member Meeting Attendance 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings Held</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>	<u>YTD%</u>
Brandt Davis	5	3	60%
Bob Aldridge	5	5	100%
Talbott Allen	5	5	100%
Bob Graves	5	5	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	5	5	100%
Jim Walsh	5	4	80%
Frank Wheatley	4	4	100%
Cheryl Willett	5	5	100%

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

“If You See Something, Say Something” Campaign

About the Campaign

The nationwide “If You See Something, Say Something” public awareness campaign is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper law enforcement authorities. The campaign was originally used by New York’s Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), which has licensed the use of the slogan to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for anti-terrorism and anti-terrorism crimes.

Homeland Security Begins with Hometown Security

If you see something suspicious taking place then report that behavior or activity to local law enforcement or in the case of an emergency, call **911**. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g. an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expressions, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity. Only reports that document **behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity related to terrorism** will be shared with federal partners.

DHS is working to expand “If You See Something, Say Something” throughout the country by partnering with a variety of entities including: transportation systems, universities, states, cities, sports leagues and local law enforcement. If you are interested in getting your group involved please contact 202/282-8010.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CALL 911.

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Shifting Debt to Tax Deductible

The Mortgage Interest Deduction is available to homeowners for up to \$1,000,000 of acquisition debt on the combination of their first and second homes. Homeowners can also deduct interest on up to an additional \$100,000 of Home Equity Debt.

While Acquisition Debt is used to buy, build, or improve a principle residence, the Home Equity Debt can be used for any purpose. It can be used for educational or medical expenses, to purchase a personal car or boat, consolidate debts, or pay off credit cards.

A homeowner with \$15,000 of credit card debt at 19% and sufficient equity in their home could replace it with a home equity loan at a much lower interest rate. Not only would the interest rate on the home equity loan be about 1/3 of the rate paid on the credit card, it would now be tax deductible.

If the taxpayer was in the 28% bracket, the net interest on a 6.5% loan would be 4.68% after tax benefits are considered. Shifting personal debt to Home Equity debt can result in an interest deduction and probably, a lower interest rate. For more information see [IRS Publication 936](#) , page 10, and consult your tax professional.





LAW ENFORCEMENT

Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **April 2013**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings
Location:						
Woodmont/Lincoln	2	1				
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1	2				
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook						
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	2	1		2	1	2
Dannywood/Browns		2		1		
Browns/Lincoln						
4600 Block Lincoln						
Browns/Brookhaven						
4100 Block Lincoln						
Dannywood/Woodmont	5	2		1		2
Statton/Woodmont	3					1
Woodmont/StRegis	2			1		
St Regis Ln	1			5		2
Browns/Lowe						
Mt. Vernon	1	2				
Total:	17	10	0	10	1	7
YTD Total:	51	78	1	40	4	25
Resident:	6	4	0	3	1	5
Non-Resident:	11	7	0	7	0	2
YTD- Resident	17	24	1	12	1	18
YTD-Non-Resident	34	55	0	28	3	6

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

- Suspicious Vehicle - 1
- Stranded Monorist - 0
- Council Meeting - 1
- Suspicious Person - 3
- Medical Response - 1
- Aid in Collision - 2
- Officer Assist - 1

House watches:

- 4303 St. Regis Lane 9
- 2517 Foxy Poise 4
- 2502 Aintree Way 5

Warrant Attempts:

Abbreviations:

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



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NEWSLETTER

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www.louisvilleky.gov

McMahan Fire District – 911 Emergency

491-4745 – Non-Emergency

2013 CITY COUNCIL

Brandt Davis, Mayor – 297-2820

MEMBERS

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
Vacant, Building Permits

CITY EMPLOYEES

Bill Hodapp, City Clerk/Treasurer – 671-9469
Andrew Amon, Citation Officer – 451-6360

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

Printworx of Louisville – 491-0222
E-Mail – orders@printworxoflouisville.com

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.