



# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

## NEWSLETTER

### March 2015



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Dear Fellow Residents:

Hopefully, the Ground Hog's recent prediction of six more weeks of winter will run its course in short order. We look forward to warmer temperatures, the greening of the grass, leaves budding on our trees and flowers beginning to bloom. St. Regis Park will become "green" once again. In fact, **spring** officially arrives on **Thursday, March 20th**.

There are several other important dates. First, Rumpke will resume **yard waste pickup** on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. Remember the county-wide ban of using plastic bags is now in effect. Yard waste must now be in either a reusable bin (garbage can) marked "Yard Waste," paper yard waste bags or compostable bags meeting D6400 standards. Yard waste will **not** be collected if it is not in an approved container. Second, **Daylight Savings Time** returns on **Sunday, March 8th**. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour.

The City's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Saturday, March 28th**, from 10 AM until noon in the field at the end of Lincoln Road. This year's event will include door prizes and a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny. Bring the whole family.

Councilman Eric Shackelford and Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief of the McMahan Fire Protection District, are in the process of coordinating a **"Friends and Family" CPR Class** (or classes) which will be offered to our residents in the coming months. It is anticipated each class would last approximately 4 hours and would be taught by certified CPR instructors at McMahan Fire & Rescue, 4318 Taylorsville Road. While details are being finalized and will be published in upcoming newsletters, so we may plan further, let us know if you are interested. Please send an e-mail to [cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com](mailto:cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com) or phone City Hall (491-7777) and leave a message.

The St. Regis Park Tree Board remains hard at work. Since the recent Tree Board lottery was such a success, we anticipate an additional 30 trees will be given to residents in the next few months. Also, an Arbor Day celebration for the City is tentatively being planned for April 24th, the official date Arbor Day is held in Kentucky. Details for both that celebration and the distribution of the additional trees are being finalized and should be outlined in next month's newsletter. If you are interested in receiving one of these trees, let us know. You may either phone City Hall (491-7777) or send us an e-mail. Distribution will be determined by the Tree Board and the City Arborist based upon the needs of the City.

Each spring and summer we receive complaints of mopeds and motorized scooters being operated illegally in St. Regis Park. In the state of Kentucky, a moped is defined as a vehicle that is a motorized bicycle with an automatic transmission, an engine less than 50ccs, and the capability to rev up to a speed of no more than 30 miles per hour. While you don't need a license to operate a moped **ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**, it is necessary to obtain a **KENTUCKY MOPED LICENSE** and to **REGISTER THE MOPED** if ridden on public streets. The operator must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's permit to apply for a moped

license. If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign for the operator. Mopeds, scooters, or motorized skateboards are **NOT** toys. They are subject to all applicable traffic laws and will be treated accordingly by law enforcement.

In closing, I want to make everyone aware of several time changes. First, Council Meetings for the City of St. Regis Park are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the McMahan Fire Station, 4318 Taylorsville Road. **Beginning on Tuesday, March 3rd**, the Council Meeting will be moved ahead one half hour and will commence at 7:00 PM, rather than 7:30. Second, the McMahan Fire Protection District's Board of Trustees now meets on the second Thursday of each month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, at 7:30 PM, also at the McMahan Fire Station. **The public is invited to attend all meetings.**

**The City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live! Together, we can make it even better!**

Sincerely,  
*Brandt Davis*, Mayor

### CORRECTION

**OOPS! Due to a clerical error, 4410 St. Regis Lane was listed in last month's newsletter as being delinquent on 2014-2015 St. Regis Park Property Taxes. That is NOT the case. We appreciate the mistake being brought to our attention. Our apologies to those involved.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 3	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) RECYCLING PICKUP YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES
MARCH 8	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MARCH 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY RECYCLING PICKUP
MARCH 20	FIRST DAY OF SPRING
MARCH 28	ST. REGIS PARK EASTER EGG HUNT (ON THE FIELD AT THE END OF LINCOLN ROAD 10:00 AM - NOON)
MARCH 29	PALM SUNDAY

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

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members: Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, Stephen Hoard, Louie Schweickhardt, Frank Wheatley, Cheryl Willett.  
Absent: Eric Shackelford

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Davis briefed the Council and staff on the Open Record and Open Meeting requirements outlined in Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 15.257.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for January 2015. The General Fund revenues for the month were \$13,269.84 with year-to-date revenues at \$321,997.81. Total expenses for the month were \$34,405.96 with year-to-date expenses at \$183,791.60, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue over expenses of \$138,206.21.

The Road Fund revenues for the month were \$3,033.19 with year-to-date revenues at \$21,149.33. Total expenses for the month were \$-0- with year-to-date expenses at \$2,685.00, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue of \$18,464.33.

Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the January 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](http://www.stregispark.net).

Mr. Graves made a motion to invest \$100,000.00 into Certificates of Deposit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. After considerable discussion, the Council felt it would be prudent to table the motion and defer any further investments until April 2015. Mr. Graves and Mr. Allen rescinded their earlier motion.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 6, 2015. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

**POLICE REPORT:**

LMPD Officer Tucker Raifsnider was present representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE). He had no report. LMPD Officer Eddie Phillips of the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department's 6th Division was also present and updated the Council on recent crime statistics in the City.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)**

The City sidewalk assessment should be completed in February 2015, and all repairs should occur in April 2015.

**CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS**

Mr. Betts patrolled 122 miles and issued 20 Hi-Neighbor notices.

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

Mr. Singler introduced the Second Reading of Ordinance #3, Series 2014-2015, which will change the monthly meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wheatley made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Graves seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed without dissent.

**PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT**

No Report

**SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2015. A flyer outlining the details will be published in the March newsletter.

**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)**

Mr. Shackelford will work with Colonel Pat Walsh, Chief of the McMahan Fire Department, on setting up a community CPR class. The details of the class will be published in a future newsletter, and residents are encouraged to attend.

**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.**

**TREE BOARD:**

Ms. Mary Mattingly and Mr. Joe Hinkle representing the Tree Board, along with the City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan, attended and presented a request for additional funding for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. After Council discussion, Mr. Singler will work with the Tree Board to establish policies. The Board will present the information and proposed supplementary budget at the March 2015 Council Meeting.

The Tree Board is proposing to add 30 new trees in the City and host an Arbor Day celebration prior to June 30, 2015.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Colonel Pat Walsh discussed the proposed CPR class and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) awareness.

Mr. James Carey who resides in Brookhaven was present and wanted information on how to publicize his new Hurstbourne Lane business to the City. Mr. Graves met with him after the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoard. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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.

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# CHANGE TO MARCH YARD WASTE COLLECTION

**Yard waste collection for the City of St. Regis Park resumes March 3rd.** Residents must use one of the following approved containers: **reusable bin clearly labeled "Yard Waste"** (residents may contact Rumpke to inquire about a rolling cart option), **paper yard waste bags**, or **compostable plastic bags meeting D6400 standards.**

**Yard waste will not be collected if it is not in one of the approved containers.** Residents could also be fined. For more information, visit the City of Louisville website.

## RECYCLING REMINDER – PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS

Remember to please combine all accepted recyclables **unbagged** in your Rumpke recycling container. Return plastic shopping bags to the store to recycle them separately. For more information visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).



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# PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

## BE CAREFUL WITH CANDLES

Few things can make you feel quite as cozy as the warm glow and pleasant aroma of scented candles. While soft candlelight and a welcoming fragrance can enhance your home, you should be aware that burning candles could also be damaging it.

Insurance claims for soot damage have increased in the past several years in direct relation to an increase in candle sales. In fact, the cleaning and replacement of household furnishings damaged by soot has been reported to cost some homeowners tens of thousands of dollars.

It's not just furnishings that can be damaged by candle use. Soot from burning candles can collect in heating and air-conditioning systems as well. Damage can develop over a couple of days or after several years, depending on the homes airflow, the number of candles burned, and how long the candles are left burning.

In the past, some homeowners' insurers paid for the damage because they weren't aware of its causes. Many companies are now, however, denying such claims because the damage isn't accidental or sudden.

If you burn candles regularly, never leave one unattended or placed in an unsteady location where it could possibly fall. In addition to fire safety, keep candle wicks trimmed to ¼ inch and avoid drafty locations to reduce soot emissions.

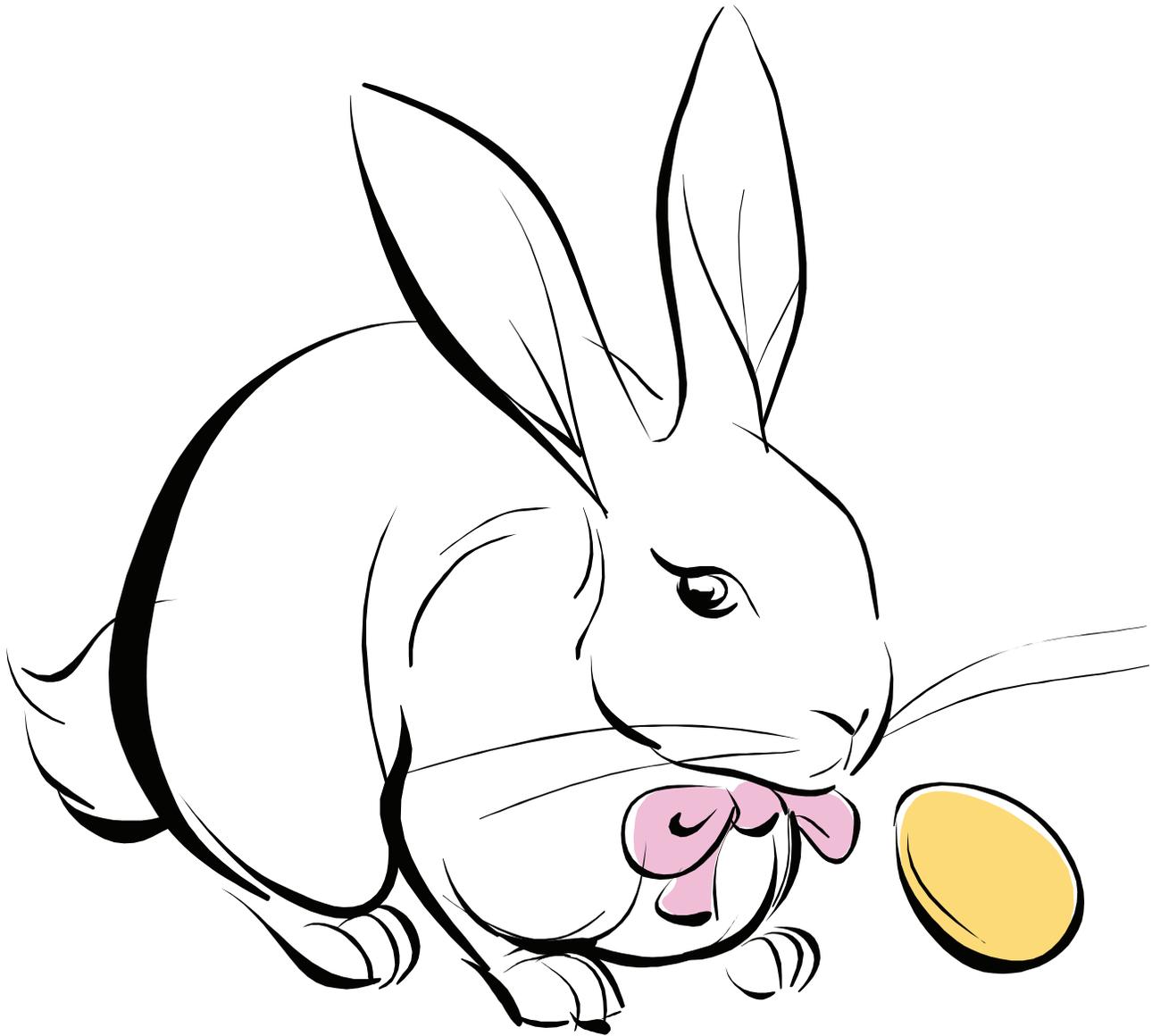


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**STAY ALERT! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CALL 911. SEE SOMETHING –SAY SOMETHING!**

# Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Door Prizes Pictures with the Bunny



Saturday, March 28

10 am – Noon

On the field at the end of Lincoln Road

# INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

## BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

A good neighbor might be characterized as someone who'll look after your home when you're out of town by picking up your mail and watering your plants. You'd most likely reciprocate for anyone who'd be so generous toward you.

In some cases, you might only be able to name one or two of your neighbors who would step up to that level of service. Wouldn't it be nice if more people on your street would be happy to make that offer?

The solution may just start with you being a better neighbor first. The following suggestions may go a long way to improving our City of St. Regis Park and making new friends at the same time.

- Meet your neighbors and exchange phone numbers and email addresses. Agree with each other that you'll let them know if you see something strange going on at their home.
- Slow down when you're driving through the City; it will make St. Regis Park safer and everyone will appreciate it.
- Control your dog: keep it on a leash; pick up after it; don't let it bark too much.
- Don't park in front of your neighbor's home.
- Notify your immediate neighbors when you're having remodeling done and ask them to let you know if any of the contractors cause damage to their property.
- Let your neighbors know when you are having a party and that there will be more cars on the street than usual.
- Maintain your home and yard so that it adds to the beauty of St. Regis Park.
- Put your garbage out on the correct day and bring the containers back promptly.

In reality, it's fairly obvious; you just have to think of the things that you'd want from your neighbors. Be friendly; don't be nosy; offer a helping hand when available and respect each other's boundaries. Having a sense of community and that we all share the neighborhood should be underlying principles that guide our behavior.

A good neighbor should be aware of suspicious activity and call their neighbors and the police if warranted. This might be something you can discuss with your neighbors. Record your immediate neighbor's contact information and keep it readily available if needed.

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

# BRANCHING OUT

In the coming months, the Tree Board and city arborist will be sharing information with you from the survey of trees in the front and visible side lawns of St. Regis Park. Three obvious statistics stand out, and this month we will focus on the 3rd: 1) At least 90 homes—almost 1/6-- in St. Regis do not have even one significantly-sized tree in the front or visible side lawn. 2) The city is short about 500 trees of the ideal for a tree canopy (again front and sides); and 3) There are 40 ash trees in the city, ranging from 4.9 inches to 51.7 inches in diameter. Sadly all 40 are all in danger of being lost to the Emerald Ash Borer. Here's why:

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in the United States in 2002, but had probably been around for 10-12 years before that, most likely hitchhiking in wood packing materials imported from Asia via the Great Lakes. Populations of EAB began spreading quickly; they have now been confirmed in 22 states and 2 two Canadian provinces. Emerald Ash Borers have killed billions of Ash trees along the way. EAB was found in Kentucky in 2009; it is estimated that 10-17% of Kentucky's trees are ash trees, so the Commonwealth could be looking at the loss of millions of ash trees over the next 5-10 years. Even worse, another beautiful tree, the White Fringe Tree, was recently found to be a host for the EAB, leading to the concern that the pest may start attacking other species.

To understand the destructive nature of this tiny pest, it helps to have some knowledge of its life cycle. The adult EAB is a small metallic green colored beetle, about ½ inch long and 1/8 of an inch wide. The adult beetles will start to emerge in Kentucky in mid-May through June (depending on the weather and location). Adults feed on the leaves of the ash tree for about two weeks and then the females will start to lay eggs in the cracks of the ash tree bark. One female can lay as many as 90 eggs. The eggs hatch and the larvae eat their way into the tree tissue just under the bark. The larvae will spend a year eating and growing to an inch or so long before emerging as adults through a characteristic D-shaped hole in the bark to start the life cycle all over again. One larvae only occupies a small gallery under the bark, but hundreds of galleries can kill a tree.

The galleries that the EAB larvae excavate disrupt the movement of water and nutrients in the tree during the summer months. Foliage wilts and the canopy of the tree begins to thin as the branches die. In heavily infested

trees, the canopy loss might be 30-50% after two years and trees will often die after 3-4 years. Trees that are stressed from lack of water or other insect or disease problems will be more susceptible to damage, but even trees that are otherwise healthy will eventually succumb to peak EAB populations if untreated.

There are some St. Regis Park residents who have been proactive and have started treating their ash trees to protect them from EAB damage. There are probably some trees in the city that have declined enough that treatments would not be warranted, but some that might benefit from treatment. There are a number of different insecticides and formulations that are on the market now for EAB treatment. A professional arborist can provide an evaluation of the tree's current condition, treatment options and pricing to determine the best method for managing EAB. The cost of removal and replacement should also be considered when determining the value of trying to protect existing trees.

If you have an ash tree in your yard-front, side or back-keep it as stress free as possible by watering during dry periods and consider planting a new tree now to replace eventual losses.

Next month: 500 (New Trees) in Five Years!





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Brandt Davis, Mayor – 491-7777

#### MEMBERS

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Bob Graves, Communications – 451-2047  
Stephen Hoard, Building Permits – 931-7004  
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

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#### ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,  
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**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.**