



# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Residents:

For the most part, the weather conditions during the past three months have been both unsettling and unwanted. The heavy snows and frigid temperature in February and March were followed by torrential rains and flash flooding in April. In fact, it was a chilly 24 degrees the morning of the City's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Although attendance was down considerably from previous years, with the smaller crowd there were more eggs for the children who braved the elements. A special thank you to **Councilman Talbott Allen** who organized the event, to **Council Members Cheryl Willett, Eric Shackelford** and **Louie Schweickhardt** who assisted, to all those who attended, and as always to our special guest, the Easter Bunny.

We were pleased to have **Councilwoman Marilyn Parker** (Metro Council District 18) and her Legislative Assistant, **Ms. Lisa Chapman**, attend the April Council Meeting. Ms. Parker reminded everyone of the recent changes in yard waste collection throughout Louisville-Jefferson County. 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 or "Yard Waste" stickers), **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.**

Ms. Parker also updated those in attendance on Metro Council activities and the rezoning actions regarding property on Blowing Tree Road. She will hold a **District 18 Town Hall Meeting** at the **University of Louisville Shelby Campus** on **Tuesday, May 12**, from **5:30 to 7:00 pm**. The public is encouraged to attend.

For months we have reported on the activities of the City of St. Regis Park Tree Board and our Consulting Arborist, **Ms. Cindi Sullivan**. Several recent articles in *The Courier-Journal* have emphasized the loss of tree canopy throughout Jefferson County. Your City recognized this trend some time ago and immediately took action to make changes in St. Regis Park. Metro Louisville has now taken similar action. We are pleased to report Cindi was recently named Executive Director of **Trees Louisville**, a private, nonprofit group that will raise money to plant and maintain trees in an attempt to stem the decline in the Louisville tree canopy. She will also continue to serve as our City's Consulting Arborist.

While on the subject of trees, I want to encourage everyone to celebrate **"RE-TREE THE PARK"** at the **1st Annual St. Regis Park Arbor Day Celebration**. **Meet the Tree Board and Cindi Sullivan**. Ask them questions. Win an ornamental tree, planted for free. There will be refreshments, activities for the children and an opportunity for you to socialize with your neighbors. The celebration will be on **Saturday, April 25, 2:00-4:00 pm**, at the **Ascension Church** cafeteria and grounds.

I recently rode through the entire City with our **Citation Officer, Kenny Betts**. I was amazed just how dark our City is at night, even with street lights. Lighting plays one or more of five crime prevention roles: surveillance, deterrence, detection, liability reduction and fear reduction. Lighting benefits our entire City and leads to an increase in perceived public safety, and is associated with greater use of public space and neighborhood streets by law-abiding citizens. I encourage all residents to leave their front porch lights, rear porch lights and garage lights on at night. For those who may be interested in obtaining an outdoor light from LG&E, please contact LG&E's Customer Service Department at 502/589-14444, and when reaching the automated system, dial 1245 or 132. LG&E can then determine if a light is warranted, what the mounting costs might be, as well as whether there would be a monthly charge to be applied to your residential bill. Regardless of whether you obtain an outdoor light from LG&E or use your existing lights, leaving your lights on at night is an inexpensive and effective method of reducing crime in St. Regis Park.

All of us look forward to warmer and more seasonal temperatures and **sunshine**. I hope each of you hold the winning ticket on both Oaks and Derby Day. Whether or not you're a winner at the races, always remember, you're still a winner here because **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

MAY 1	THE KENTUCKY OAKS
MAY 2	THE KENTUCKY DERBY
MAY 5	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
MAY 10	MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12	RECYCLING PICKUP
MAY 16	ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 19	2015 PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 25	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED
MAY 27	RECYCLING PICKUP **

\*\* SERVICE DELAYED ONE DAY BECAUSE OF MEMORIAL DAY \*\*

**CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR**  
**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 7, 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, April 7, 2015 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Davis welcomed Councilwoman Marilyn Parker, Metro Council District 18, and her Legislative Assistant, Ms. Lisa Chapman. Councilwoman Parker addressed several on-going projects, the Metro yard waste program and zoning issues. She also advised a District 18 Town Hall Meeting would be held on the UofL Shelby Campus on Tuesday, May 12, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for March 2015. The General Fund revenues for the month were \$4,514.88 with year-to-date revenues at \$343,465.25. Total expenses for the month were \$21,151.00 with year-to-date expenses at \$221,448.05, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue over expenses of \$122,017.20.

The Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,338.85 with year-to-date revenues at \$26,486.29. Total expenses for the month were \$15,700.00 with year-to-date expenses at \$19,335.00, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue of \$7,151.29.

Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the March 2015 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves. The motion passed without dissent.

The Council took no action on further investing in certificates of deposit at this time.

Complete financials are posted on the City's website at [www.stregispark.net](http://www.stregispark.net).

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on March 3, 2015. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

**POLICE REPORT:**

No police officers were present. Mayor Davis requested Ms. Willett contact Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) to ensure there was a police presence at future meetings. The Small City Activity Report for March will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN**

Mr. Milburn reported on the sidewalk assessment he completed during March 2015 and recommended several repairs. Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the project be completed during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. Mr. Milburn will obtain bids for the project.

Mayor Davis and the Tree Board want to ensure that any tree roots cut during the sidewalk repairs are done in accordance with guidelines established by the City Arborist.

Mr. Milburn will also obtain bids to repaint the addresses on the curbs and the yellow curbing during the next fiscal period.

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

Mr. Betts patrolled 122 miles during March and issued twelve (12) Hi-Neighbor Notices and two (2) Notices of Violation. Mr. Graves asked that Mr. Betts check on several residences in the City that seemed to be in violation of various ordinances.

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

Mr. Singler will prepare the First readings for the upcoming fiscal year and have them submitted prior to the May 2015 meeting. Mr. Singler will be unable to attend the May Council Meeting but will have someone represent him.

**PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT**

Absent. No Report

**SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN**

Absent. Mr. Allen earlier submitted a written report to the Council. Despite the inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. With a smaller crowd, there were more eggs for the children who braved the cold. The City's Easter Bunny costume needs to be replaced. Mr. Allen will check pricing for a replacement.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT**

On May 7, the St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, will begin its 6th season of hosting a Farmers' Market. It will be open 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday, rain or shine, and will run through October 15.

**BUILDING PERMITS – STEPHEN HOARD**

No Report

**MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY**

Absent. No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES**

No Report

**FINANCE – ERIC SHACKELFORD**

Mr. Shackelford is coordinating with Major Kenny Amback, Assistant Chief, McMahan Fire District, to conduct a CPR class during the month of June.

**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. Jane Ecker, Ms. Mary Mattingly and Mr. Joe Hinkle along with City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan, presented a 2015-2016 budget request. Several options were reviewed. Mr. Graves made a motion to approve \$43,000 be allocated in the 2015-2016 budget. This would include the planting of an additional 60 trees in the City, consultation fees, an Arbor Day celebration in 2016 and various promotions. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Ms. Sullivan was congratulated on her recent appointment as Executive Director of Trees Louisville, a private, nonprofit group to raise funds for the planting and maintenance of trees in Metro Louisville. Ms. Sullivan will also continue in her position of St. Regis Park's Consulting Arborist.

The Tree Board is seeking volunteers to help during the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on April 25th.

Ms. Sullivan is working with LG&E on the tree trimming that occurs around power lines in the City.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Several students from Bellarmine University's Nursing Program attended the Council Meeting to learn about small city activities for community service.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, Mr. Hoard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shackelford. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 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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## COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2015

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	4	4	100%
Talbott Allen	4	3	75%
Bob Graves	4	3	75%
Stephen Hoard	4	4	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	4	3	75%
Eric Shackelford	4	2	50%
Frank Wheatley	4	3	75%
Cheryl Willett	4	4	100%



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### HOME TOO BIG NOW?

Once the kids are grown, have careers, relationships and get a place of their own, parents may find they no longer need their "big" home like they did before. Their lifestyle may have changed and that house just doesn't "fit" anymore.

The benefits of a smaller home:

- Easier to maintain.
- Lower utilities.
- Lower property taxes.
- Lower insurance.
- More convenient location.
- Convenience of a single level.
- Possibly more energy efficient.
- Possibly lower maintenance.

Moving from a larger home frees equity from the previous home that can be invested for retirement income, the purchase of a second home, travel, education or just to have a nest egg for unexpected purposes. The profit on the home, in most cases, will be tax-free up to the exclusion limits set by the IRS.

There will be expenses involved in selling a home as well as the purchase of a new home. These will lower the amount of net proceeds available to invest in the new home.

Like any other big change in life, it is recommended you take your time to consider the possible alternatives and outcomes. A real estate professional can provide information that can be valuable in the discernment process such as what your home is worth, what you will net from a sale as well as alternative properties for your next stage of life.

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



# PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

## LAWN MOWER SAFETY

Lawn mowing is an important part of maintaining your residence. However, a lawn mower can be extremely dangerous if it is not handled properly. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that each year lawn mowers injure more than 110,000 people seriously enough to require treatment in hospital emergency rooms.

### **WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT LAWN MOWER ACCIDENTS?**

The following practices will prevent most accidents:

- It may seem like a no-brainer, but read the operator's manual. Review instructions and follow them carefully. The manual explains safe procedures that should be followed.
  - Train the operator. Be sure anyone operating the mower understands its operation.
  - Check guards and shields. Be sure all protective devices are in place before starting the mower. Shields and guards protect the public, helping to prevent injuries and reducing property damage from flying debris.
  - Dress properly to do the job safely. No bare feet! No sandals! No sneakers! Always wear sturdy shoes; steel-toed safety shoes are preferred.
  - Handle gasoline with care. Do not fill the gasoline tank while the engine is running. Let it cool first. Fuel up outdoors, then wipe up all spills.
  - Keep all persons and pets away from the mowing area. Remember, a mower blade can pick up and throw objects with a force sufficient to seriously injure or kill.
  - No riders on riding mowers. Always say "NO" to anyone asking to ride the mower with you. Extra riders can be thrown from the mower and run over. Extra riders can also distract the operator, contributing to careless mistakes.
  - No horseplay around a lawn mower. Playing with a mower is asking for serious trouble. This has caused many serious injuries. Use a mower only for the purpose it was designed – to mow the lawn.
  - Do not use riding mowers on steep slopes. Mower overturns cause serious injuries. Drive up and down slopes when operating a riding mower. Mow across the slope when using a walk-behind mower.
- Take care of your mower. The operator-presence switch should stop the mower immediately when you release the control.
  - Clean and safety-check your mower during the mowing season. If you have any doubt about how to adjust or repair your mower or sharpen your mower blade, see an expert. An annual inspection by an experienced service person is a good idea.
  - Use earplugs or earmuffs to preserve your hearing. Inability to hear high-pitched sounds is the first indication of damage. Hearing loss from loud noise is permanent

Courtesy of KLC Insurance Services Loss Control, the Kentucky League of Cities.

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





## MEMORIAL DAY – PAUSE AND REMEMBER

Many Americans have forgotten the true meaning of a holiday many veterans hold close to their hearts.

For too many, **MEMORIAL DAY** now signifies nothing more than the start

of summer and is celebrated with holiday sales and picnics. Trips to the lake and shopping extravaganzas have replaced memorial visits and remembrance ceremonies or simply put, a day to reflect upon all that we as Americans enjoy daily.

On **MEMORIAL DAY**, we honor our fallen of the United States military in the form of remembrance. And with that comes a deep sense of appreciation for both their selflessness in protecting the *land of the free*, and for their sacrifice in ensuring it stays that way.

Each and every American owes a great debt to the courageous men and women who have given their lives to protect our

way of life. While giving back to the extent they deserve is impossible, today, we merely attempt our repayment in the form of remembrance. We dedicate this day to them.

As we go about our activities, we should take the opportunity to not only remember the sacrifices of our fallen and mourn their departure, but to also celebrate the spirit with which they served and reflect upon their contributions in making America, truly, *the land of the free*.

On **Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**, the American Legion G.I. Post #244 and the City of Jeffersontown will host veterans, active duty military, members of the National Guard and Reserves, their families and the general public to the **20th Annual Memorial Day Program at Jeffersontown Veterans Memorial Park, 10707 Taylorsville Road**. This year's keynote speaker will be **St. Regis Park resident Marj Graves**, former Army Nurse and Vietnam Veteran.

The City of St. Regis Park thanks all service members, veterans and their families for their contribution and service to the United States of America



## ST. ANDREW FARMERS' MARKET

St. Andrew United Church of Christ

2608 Browns Lane

The **St. Andrew Farmers' Market** opens for its 6th season on May 7 and will run through October 15. Just like last year, **the market will be open 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm every Thursday, rain or shine.**

***What you eat matters – to your health, to the local economy, to the planet.***

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture compiles a list each year of farmers' markets in the state. For more information on the markets, go to

[www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmermarket/index.htm](http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmermarket/index.htm).



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#### 2015 CITY COUNCIL

Brandt Davis, Mayor – 491-7777

#### MEMBERS

Talbott Allen, Special Events – 451-3776  
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

#### CITY NUMBERS

St. Regis Park City Hall – 491-7777  
499-5501 (Fax)  
E-Mail – [cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com](mailto:cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com)  
Website – [www.stregispark.net](http://www.stregispark.net)  
Rumpke Waste Removal – 568-3800

#### ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

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