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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER November 2014



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Dear Fellow Residents:

The temperature has certainly dropped in recent weeks. While outside activities have been reduced, there are a number of important events occurring in the coming months.

First, the **Church of the Ascension School**, 4600 Lynnbrook Drive, will be hosting a **"FRIGHT FEST"** fundraiser on **Saturday, October 25**. This will begin at 6 p.m., following Mass. The event will include a small child "friendly" haunted house, a chili supper (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children), a cake booth, and "trunk or treat" in the church/school parking lot. There will be a contest for the "Best Decorated Trunk," so if you wish to participate, bring your decorated car, candy to be distributed to the children and costumes. Also, cake donations for the cake booth would be greatly appreciated. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the school at 451-2535.

Halloween occurs on **Friday, October 31**. Depending upon the weather, there should be a heavier turnout than usual because of the weekend. There will be increased police patrols throughout the City. Again, parents should accompany young children, and flashlights and reflective clothing are in order. **BE SAFE!**

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 2**. As we return to Standard Time, be sure to turn back your clocks one hour. This is also a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms.

On **Tuesday, November 4**, the **2014 General Election** will occur. There are a number of contested offices at the federal, state and local levels, as well as the judicial races. **Every vote is important! BE SURE TO VOTE!**

We celebrate **Veterans Day** the following **Tuesday, November 11**. Veterans Day honors **ALL** American veterans, living and dead. In fact, it is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their dedicated and loyal service and the sacrifices they have made to keep our country free. A number of celebrations will be hosted by military and civic organizations, including the Annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Louisville. **THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK EXTENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL VETERANS.**

The **St. Regis Park Tree Board** will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m., **Monday, November 17**, at the McMahan Fire District, 4318 Taylorsville Road. This will be an excellent opportunity to not only meet the members of the Tree Board but also St. Regis Park's Consulting Arborist, **Cindi Sullivan**. Residents will be updated on the Tree Survey being conducted and provided the opportunity to ask questions of Cindi and the Tree Board members. The goal established by your City Council is to meet the standards of the **Tree City USA** program, a national program that provides a framework for community forestry management

for cities and towns across America.

As mentioned last month, Councilman **Talbott Allen** and his committee are hard at work finalizing plans for the **"St. Regis Park Annual Holiday Extravaganza."** This year's celebration will not include a formal "light-up," but instead will be held at the St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, on **Sunday, December 7**. Refreshments, a visit from Santa and good old family fun and fellowship will occur. In addition, the City will sponsor a house decoration contest judged by impartial representatives from an outside agency. It has been suggested there may be at least three categories such as "Most Creative," "The Clark Griswold Award" and "Most Traditional." Additional details will be in next month's newsletter. Meanwhile, mark the date on your calendar and begin planning those decorations.

The City's Facebook URL has been updated. It is now easier for people to find the City of St. Regis Park. Simply type in [facebook.com/stregispark](https://www.facebook.com/stregispark) and it will take you there.

A final event I did not mention earlier is **Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day**. From all of us on the City Council, we are deeply thankful and extend to you our best wishes. We wish you the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and may you each enjoy a bountiful **Thanksgiving**.

As always, if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact either me or any of the Council Members. **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

- NOV 2** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- NOV 4** ELECTION DAY
- CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
(McMahan Fire District @ 7:30 PM)
- NOV 10** MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
- NOV 11** VETERANS DAY
- RECYCLING PICKUP**
- NOV 17** TREE BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
(McMahan Fire District @ 7:00 PM)
- NOV 25** RECYCLING PICKUP
- NOV 27** THANKSGIVING DAY

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The City received a request to merge letter from the City of Cambridge. Mr. John Singler, City Attorney, responded that the City of St. Regis Park would consider entering into merger and/or annexation discussions. Mayor Davis will continue to discuss the available options with the City of Cambridge. He will also contact representatives of the Brookhaven Neighborhood Association to determine if they have any interest in a merger or annexation. The merger and annexation laws have recently been revised. Mr. Singler discussed the difference between the processes, along with the zoning authority based on city classification.

The City has also been in negotiations with Rumpke Sanitation and has received a verbal agreement they will extend the current contract with no price increase. This new contract would become effective July 1, 2015 and continue through June 30, 2017.

Mr. Terry Mullaney, Principal of Ascension School, attended the meeting. He requested permission to place banners promoting Ascension along Browns Lane and Lowe Road. Mr. Mullaney will work with Mr. Wheatley to develop a plan to be presented to the City Council at the November meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman presented the Financial Report for September 2014. General Fund revenues for the month were \$169,095.23 with year-to-date revenues at \$260,049.17. Total expenses for the month were \$19,698.35 with year-to-date expenses at \$76,152.56, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue over expenses of \$183,896.61.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the September 2014 financial report. Mr. Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. Complete financials are posted on the City's website at www.stregispark.net.

The Council reviewed investment options and the financial status of the City. A motion was made by Mr. Graves to invest \$500,000.00 in accordance with investment options allowed under the City Investment Policy and recommendations from Fifth Third Bank. The motion included laddering the \$500,000.00 investment by stair-step method into \$100,000.00 per year increments over a five year period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. 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 September 2, 2014. Mr. Hoard seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

LMPD Officer Julie Cobaugh, representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE), was present. The Small City Activity Report for September will be published in the monthly newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No Report

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

Mr. Betts patrolled 89 miles in September and issued 7 Hi Neighbor notices.

Mr. Betts introduced the Comcate software proposal. The Comcate software program would be able to track Hi Neighbor notices, citations and other pertinent information for the City. The proposal included upfront costs and annual charges to use the service. The Council took no action on the Comcate proposal.

Mr. Wheatley has been working on a similar program. A motion was made by Ms. Willett to approve Mr. Wheatley continuing additional work on the project. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. While Mr. Wheatley did not request compensation, the Council asked that he prepare a cost projection for his work.

Mr. Betts requested Mr. Singler write a letter to Chief Steve Conrad of the Louisville Metro Police Department requesting permission to have the police photo lab make ID badges for the Council and City employees.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt reported the Tree Board will have a public meeting on November 17 to update citizens on the progress of their work. The meeting will be held at the McMahan Fire District at 7:00 p.m. Notice will also be published in the November newsletter.

Mr. Schweickhardt is working with MSD to resolve the issue of the sewer grate replacement on Statton Road. MSD states the project will be completed by December 31.

Mr. Schweickhardt also informed the Council that Ascension Church will be hosting a 2K (1.2 miles) walk/run at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25.

SPECIAL EVENTS – TALBOTT ALLEN

The "St. Regis Park Annual Holiday Extravaganza" will take place on Sunday, December 7, at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane. Mr. Allen and other members are working on plans, and information will be provided in future newsletters. While the City will not host a formal "light-up" this year, the Council will sponsor a "Best House" decoration contest. The City will provide prizes and recognition based on input from

independent judges of an outside agency.

Mr. Allen informed the Council that the Ascension Youth Group will be hosting a live nativity scene on Sunday, December 14, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett is working with Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to provide police patrols for Halloween, Friday, October 31. Mayor Davis requested Mr. Betts also patrol the City that evening.

BUILDING PERMITS – STEPHEN HOARD

Two permits were issued for fence installations: 4603 Lowe Road and 2404 Sir Johns Court.

MARKETING/IT – FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley continues work on conversion of the City's office telephone.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR – BOB GRAVES

At this time, the City only has one advertiser for future newsletters.

FINANCE – ERIC SHACKELFORD

Mr. Shackelford will obtain proposals for a City-wide leaf collection program. He will present a plan and associated costs to the Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Shackelford wants to publicize any events that occur in or around the City in the newsletter. He will work with local organizations to obtain their events, dates and other details.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council paychecks will be mailed by the City Clerk.

The City file and storage area in the McMahan Fire House needs to be reorganized. The City Clerk will propose several dates to see if the Council can help.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 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.

Veterans Day



**VETERANS DAY
PARADE
NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

The annual **LOUISVILLE VETERANS DAY PARADE AND MASSING OF COLORS** will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, beginning at 11.11 a.m.

The parade honoring all veterans and active duty personnel, followed by the Massing of the Colors Ceremony, will start at 4th and Chestnut Streets in downtown Louisville, continue north on 4th to Main Street, then turn left and march west on Main to 6th Street.

Additional activities for the day will include displays of vintage military vehicles and equipment, information booths from parade sponsors and organizations serving veterans, and a USO Canteen style celebration at 4th Street Live immediately following the parade.

For additional information, contact 502/228-5237.

Throughout our county's history, brave men and women have willingly answered the call to defend our nation and our way of life. The actions of our servicemen and servicewomen have changed the course of history, touched lives and spread freedom and democracy to nations around the world. As Americans, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our veterans who, during both peace and war, have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to safeguarding the principles upon which our nation was founded.

Veterans Day is a time to remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women of our armed forces who have served, who are serving today and those who made the ultimate sacrifice before having the opportunity to become honored veterans. We should reaffirm our commitment to those who have answered the call of duty on behalf of all Americans. Enduring great personal sacrifices, these men and women and their families deserve our support. We are deeply thankful for the veterans who served our country with great honor in the past, and to those who uphold their duties today.

The price of freedom is paid for by the courage of those who are willing to fight for what they believe in. The greatness of America is found in the bravery and heroism of men and women who stand strong in the face of oppression and conflict. They ignite the enduring spirit of our nation and strengthen the unity of the American people with their resolve for freedom, justice and democracy.

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.



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ST. REGIS PARK TREE BOARD MEETING

The Tree Board's first public meeting will be held Monday, November 17th at 7 PM at the McMahan Fire House, 4318 Taylorsville Road. The Tree Board will introduce its members, and Cindi Sullivan, the city's consulting arborist, will update citizens as to the progress of the survey and any preliminary observations or recommendations she might have.

The second public meeting will likely be in February. By then the survey should be completed and information will be available on policies the Board has recommended to the Mayor and City Council. The third will be our Arbor Day celebration near the 1st Friday of April, the date Arbor Day is celebrated in Kentucky.

The rest of the year's schedule will likely be meetings in August and November of 2015. (Exact dates will be forthcoming.)

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

A Little Change is Good for You

Want to cut your risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half? **CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK TO STANDARD TIME ON NOVEMBER 2.** This simple act will provide you and your family with the extra seconds necessary to escape from a fire.

The majority of home fires occur between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., when most people are asleep. Mistakenly people believe that smoke will wake them when in fact smoke can dull your senses, cause loss of consciousness and even death. The majority of home fire-related deaths are from smoke inhalation, not flames or burns.

When you change your clocks back to Standard Time, be certain to change the batteries in your smoke alarms too. A working alarm could save the lives of you and your family.

Heat it Up

Common sense can prevent a heater fire. All heating systems can start fires if not used and maintained properly. Heating your home during the colder months of the year can prove dangerous, if you do not follow a few simple safety precautions.

Check baseboard heaters often to remove objects that have fallen on top of or near the heater. Remember that any time

objects like newspapers, furniture or blankets are close to heaters, a fire can start.

Portable heaters heat up rapidly and, like baseboard heaters, they can easily ignite any flammable item left nearby. Always turn off portable heaters if you leave the room or are going to fall asleep.

When you use your fireplace or stove to heat your home, keep the door and or fire screen shut to protect your home from sparks. Only burn dry seasoned wood, never rubbish. Garbage and green wood can cause a chimney fire. Remember to have your chimney inspected and serviced before each heating season, and again, regularly change the batteries in your smoke detectors. As mentioned earlier, a working smoke alarm could save the lives of you and your family.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCKWATCH PROGRAM

If you are not already on the email list for the City of St. Regis Park's Blockwatch, send your name and email address to: cityofstregispark@mcmahanfire.com.

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



INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Opportunity Costs

Sometimes there are costs associated with not taking a particular action. If a person left their money in a certificate of deposit earning 2% when they could have made an investment that earned 8%, the difference is the opportunity costs associated to not taking action.

If a couple has a down payment and good credit, locking in a low interest rate mortgage for 30 years could easily provide their lowest cost of housing. If that couple waits three years to purchase a home, the price would probably be higher as would the mortgage rate.

However, assuming the price and interest rate remained constant, look at what the opportunity costs might be compared to doing nothing.

If their money was invested in a certificate of deposit at 2.00%, in two years their \$8,750 would have grown to \$9,104. They would have earned \$354 and had to pay ordinary income tax on the interest.

If their money was invested in the stock market that had

increased 7%, in two years they would have a profit of \$1,268 which would be subject to long-term capital gains tax.

On the other hand, if the same investment was used to buy a home that increased in value at 3% annually, the equity would be \$31,938 or an increase of \$23,188. Tax would not be triggered until the home is sold and may not be due then based on their homeowner's principal residence exclusion.

The home goes up in value due to appreciation and the unpaid balance goes down because of amortization. The dramatic difference in growth in the equity of the home is affected by leverage: the use of borrowed funds controlling the asset.

A home is a place of your own where you can feel safe and secure, to enjoy with your family and friends and in many instances, a very good investment. It is difficult to measure the opportunity costs of intangibles but not necessarily money.

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



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **September 2014**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings
Location:						
Woodmont/Lincoln	3	1		3		
Lynnbrook/Aintree	2	4				3
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook		1				
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	2	1				3
Dannywood/Browns		1		1		
Browns/Lincoln		3	1	4		1
4600 Block Lincoln		3				1
Browns/Brookhaven		1		1		
Rockwood						
Dannywood/Woodmont						
Statton/Woodmont	1					1
Woodmont/St Regis	1			2		2
St Regis Ln	1					1
Browns/Lowe						
Mt. Vernon	2	4				3
Total:	12	19	1	11	0	15
YTD Total:	88	162	2	67	3	104
Resident:	7	7				11
Non-Resident:	5	12	1	11		4
YTD- Resident	37	50	0	9	0	81
YTD-Non-Resident	51	112	2	58	3	23

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

911 Call -	Towed Vehicle -
Suspicious Vehicle -	Officer Assist -
Stranded Motorist -	Business Check - 50
Council Meeting - 1	Burglar Alarm -
Suspicious Person -	
Foot Patrol -	
Aid in Collision -	

House Watches:

St. Regis Lane -	Lincoln -	Mt. Vernon -	Lynnbrook -
Stormon -	Foxy Poise -	Woodward -	Saddle Ct -
Cambridge -	Lowe -	Aintree -	Ashfield -
	Saddle Horn -	Browns -	Dannywood - 2

Warrant Attempts: - **Summons Attempts: -**

Abbreviations:
DSS= disregarding stop sign
SPD= speeding
RD= reckless driving

BRANCHING OUT

By Cindi Sullivan
Consulting Arborist

We are making good progress on the tree inventory! The Phase I inventory includes your front and side yards; during Phase II we will add the back yard trees so that we create a complete and accurate inventory of the trees in St. Regis Park. I truly appreciate the graciousness and the warm welcome from the residents that I have met, and I share your enthusiasm for this project. I would like to offer some information and maintenance advice based on some of my observations as I have been surveying the city.

Trees and Vines

I have come across several yards that have ground cover around the trees and some of those ground covers - English ivy, Euonymus, Vinca (and even some poison ivy!) - are making their way up onto the trunks and into the trees. Although you may see photos of vines growing up trees in some gardening publications, it is really not a good idea. Vines will compete with the tree for available water, nutrients, and sunlight. The added weight of vines in the trees will also make the tree more susceptible to wind and ice damage. A regular maintenance project should be to cut the vines at the base of the tree so that they don't get a chance to affect the tree. If vines have made their way into the tree, simply cut them off at the base and again as high up as you can reach, removing a section of the vine so that the flow of water and nutrients is cut off. Leave the vines to decompose on their own; often, trying to pull the vines off or out of the tree can cause damage to the bark and branches.

Mulching Practices

Applying a layer of mulch over the trees' root systems is a great idea. Mulch helps to hold in valuable moisture, regulate soil temperature, and suppress weed competition. Organic mulches have the added benefit of improving the condition and structure of the soil around the tree as they decompose. A two to three inch layer of mulch is sufficient for providing these benefits. When applying mulch, never put the mulch directly up against the trunk, leave at least three inches between the tree and the mulch. Mulch piled against the trunk will trap moisture that can create an environment which will allow bacteria and fungi to attack the trunk. It also creates a hiding place for rodents that might damage the tree by chewing on the bark.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Tree Board Meeting on Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., at the McMahan Fire Department, 4318 Taylorsville Road.

Council Member Meeting Attendance 2014

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	10	7	70%
Talbott Allen	10	9	90%
Bob Graves	10	8	80%
Stephen Hoard	10	8	80%
Louie Schweickhardt	10	10	100%
Eric Shackelford	4	3	75%
Frank Wheatley	10	9	90%
Cheryl Willett	10	10	100%



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491-4745 – Non-Emergency

2014 CITY COUNCIL

Brandt Davis, Mayor – 491-7777

MEMBERS

Talbott Allen, Special Events – 451-3776
Bob Graves, Communications Facilitator – 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

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

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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.