



CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

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Dear Fellow Residents:

Once again, a wonderful summer is coming to an end in the City of St. Regis Park. Soon, the air will become a little cooler, the grass won't grow as much, and the leaves will start to change. Although there will be less outside activity in the coming months, a number of holidays and important events are fast approaching.

The Annual Yard Sale was a huge success. The weather cooperated, and it seemed more residents participated than ever before. Although the traffic problems of the past have been lessened, there were still some individuals who chose to ignore the "No Parking" signs and unfortunately, elected to take the consequences. Still, all the comments I heard were quite favorable.

Many of you have observed our City-contracted arborist, Ms. **Cindi Sullivan**, on your streets or in your front yards. Cindi is diligently recording the number and species of trees in our City. Once the **Tree Survey** is completed, a **Tree Work Plan** will be developed to address species diversity, planting needs and numerous other issues regarding our trees and shrubs. 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. Participating communities have demonstrated a commitment to caring for and managing their public trees and shrubs.

Some of you may have recently noticed **Rumpke Waste Removal** has a new garbage truck equipped with an "arm" for lifting and dumping the trash cans, similar to the truck being used to collect recyclables. If you are not already using the large 65 gallon brown garbage cans seen on the curbs throughout the City on collection days, please contact **Rumpke at 568-3800**. These cans are furnished to St. Regis Park residents **at no charge**. The only stipulation is these should be placed curbside along with your yard waste and recyclables.

The City of St. Regis Park continues to be invaded by a number of solicitors. Our ordinances, particularly Chapter 112.01, states "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in door-to-door sales of any merchandise or services of any type within the City without first applying for and obtaining a permit to do so from the City." Many of these individuals may profess to have a permit but that is not the case. If approached, please emphasize St. Regis Park has a "**NO SOLICITATION**" policy, politely ask them to leave the City, then contact **Citation Officer Kenny Betts** at **664-2784** or send an email to Kenneth.Betts@gmail.com or phone **Metrocall 311** and report them to the police. Remember, in some instances potential thieves pose as solicitors. **Help keep our City safe!**

Again, there have been reports of dogs running loose in the City. In addition to the "Leash Law" which applies throughout Louisville-Jefferson County, the City of St. Regis Park has enacted several similar ordinances. Hopefully no resident's trusted pet will be picked up by Animal Control for running loose, or even worse, injured or killed by a motor vehicle. Protect your neighbors, their families and friends, and protect your pet. Also, be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet and dispose of waste in a sanitary manner.

St. Regis Park tax bills were mailed to all residents in mid July. If you have not already paid your taxes for 2014-2015, please do so. Liens will be filed on delinquent properties. As a reminder, if your tax and sanitation bills are paid from an escrow account, it is your responsibility to forward the information to the appropriate financial institution. As in the past, delinquent taxes will also be published in future newsletters.

Our next holiday is on Friday, **October 31 – HALLOWEEN**. Since this celebration will occur on a weekend, more participants than usual are anticipated. It is important for us all to be extremely vigilant. While many of the pranks of the past may no longer be fashionable, unfortunately, some individuals seem to take advantage of this particular holiday to create mischief. Although there will be increased police patrols throughout the City, it is our individual responsibility as neighbors to look out for one another. Parents should accompany young children. After dark, flashlights and reflective clothing are necessities. **BE SAFE!**

The following week, this year's **GENERAL ELECTION** will be held on Tuesday, **November 4**. While the ballots may not have the excitement of a presidential or gubernatorial election, there are a number of contested positions at the federal, state and local levels. Since voting is both a responsibility and a privilege, **be sure to vote!**

November also has several other important dates. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** ends on Sunday, **November 2**. **VETERANS DAY** is on Tuesday, **November 11**, and of course, **THANKSGIVING DAY** will be on Thursday, **November 27**.

Councilman **Talbott Allen** and his committee are moving forward with plans for the City's holiday celebration in December. Tentatively, the date of Sunday, **December 7**, has been selected. You might want to reserve that date so you can participate in the festivities. Additional details will be in upcoming newsletters as plans are finalized.

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

OCT 3	YOM KIPPUR
OCT 7	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:30 PM)
OCT 13	COLUMBUS DAY
OCT 14	RECYCLING PICKUP
OCT 16	BOSS'S DAY
OCT 27	NAVY DAY
OCT 28	RECYCLING PICKUP
OCT 31	HALLOWEEN

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 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, September 2, 2014, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Since Mayor Davis was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. John Singler, City Attorney, asked for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem. Mr. Frank Wheatley made a motion to appoint Mr. Talbott Allen as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mr. Louie Schweickhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Allen introduced Mr. Josh Schneider, who is running for District Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 General Election. Mr. Schneider discussed his platform. He informed the Council more information could be found on his website (www.votejschnieder.com).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman presented the Financial Report for August 2014. The General Fund revenues for the month were \$33,067.92 with year-to-date revenues at \$90,953.94. Total expenses for the month were \$20,155.08 with year-to-date expenses at \$56,454.21, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue over expenses of \$34,499.73.

Mr. Veeneman noted the following corrections to the BUDGET column that will be made on the September 2014 report:
1) Account 4309 – Rental Property Fees -- should be \$2,000.00
2) Add Account 5004-- Property Cleanup -- \$500.00
3) Adjust Account 5104 -- Public Observances-- to \$6,750.00

Ms. Cheryl Willett made a motion to approve the August 2014 financial report with the noted changes. Mr. Stephen Hoard seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Singler informed the Council an error was made on the 2014-2015 budget spreadsheet, and a correction was made on the revenue calculation. The original budget included revenue (\$6,500.00) for the property tax refund account. The refunds should be reflected as a debit to tax revenue, resulting in a \$13,000.00 adjustment to the overall budget.

Mr. Veeneman continues to work with Fifth Third Bank on the purchase of certificates of deposit and will have recommendations at the October 7 Council Meeting.

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Bob Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held August 5, 2014. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Ken Koester of the Louisville Metro Police Department was present representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE). The Small City Activity Report for August will be published in the monthly newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No Report.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

Mr. Betts patrolled 109 miles and issued 10 Hi-Neighbor notices.

Mr. Betts introduced a software database system by Comcate that would be able to track notices, citations and other pertinent information for the City. The Council requested more information on the cost of the program. Mr. Wheatley will also research other database systems and work with Mr. Betts on a presentation at the October 7 meeting.

Mr. Betts also offered several options for obtaining name badges/identification cards for the Council. The least expensive option was to work with the Louisville Metro Police Department. Mr. Betts will work with Mayor Davis on an agreement letter and report at the October meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler received the executed contract from Cindi Sullivan for her services as the City's arborist.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt reported Ms. Sullivan has started the Tree Survey and is working with the Tree Board. The Council requested the Tree Board notify the City Clerk of the time and place for their meetings so the public can be notified.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

Mr. Allen reported that the city-wide yard sale will be held on September 6, 2014.

The annual holiday party will be on December 7. More information will be presented at the October meeting. A house decoration contest will be held in December. A revised voting system is being researched by Mr. Wheatley.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

No report.

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD

No report.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley will have Google Voice installed and eliminate the

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.

AT&T phone charge for the City's telephone.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Bill Holton of Dannywood Road attended the meeting and asked if the arborist would recommend residents remove dead trees or branches, and what action the city could take. There are provisions in the nuisance ordinances to address such issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed the 2013-2014 financial audit quotes and a motion was made by Mr. Wheatley to contract with McIntyre & Wooldridge, PSC for \$4,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoard. The motion passed without dissent.

The Council discussed on-line banking options for Mr. Veeneman's firm and will obtain more information prior to

allowing "read only" access.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Hoard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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.

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP *REVERSE MORTGAGES*

With all the encouragement from celebrity spokespersons like Fred Thompson, Robert Wagner and Henry Winkler, there is a growing awareness of reverse mortgages. The fact is our population is getting older, and more than 25 million homeowners meet the age requirement.

A reverse mortgage will allow homeowners age 62 or older, currently living in their home, to tap into their equity. The amount available is determined by the borrower's age, the home's current value and current interest rates. The loan proceeds can be received in a single, lump-sum or in periodic payments. The closing costs can be paid in cash or rolled into the loan amount.

There are no payments on a reverse mortgage, but the homeowner is still responsible for property taxes, insurance, maintenance and other home costs.

When the borrower dies, moves or fails to fulfill the terms of the loan, the lender is paid from the sale of the home. The borrower or their estate is not responsible for more than the proceeds of the sale. However, if the proceeds are greater than the amount owed to the lender, the remainder goes to the homeowner or their heirs.

Unlike normal mortgage requirements, the borrower's income and credit are not used to determine the amount of the loan.

The homeowner must occupy the home as their principle residence, and it must be free and clear of encumbrances or have substantial equity.

A reverse mortgage is an opportunity to generate income or funds for capital expenditures, but it can also pose a risk to the homeowner. HUD, the largest insurer of reverse mortgages, is concerned about misleading or deceptive program descriptions encouraging borrowers to obtain HUD reverse mortgages also known as the HECM (Home Equity Conversion Mortgage). As of June 18, 2014, FHA will only insure fixed rate reverse mortgages where the homeowner is limited to a single, full draw made at closing.

A reverse mortgage, like any financial decision involving a home, is an important decision that deserves careful consideration, due diligence and expert advice.

For more information, check out the National Association of Realtors' [*Field Guide to Reverse Mortgages, FAQs about HUD's Reverse Mortgages, and Reverse Mortgages – Alternative Home Equity Funding*](#) by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

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ST. ANDREW FARMERS' MARKET

St. Andrew United Church of Christ

2608 Browns Lane

The St. Andrew Farmers' Market opened for its 5th season on May 8 and will run through October 16.

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**.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

BE AWARE – BE PREPARED – HAVE A PLAN

“Kentuckians face threats to their safety and property year-round thanks to tornadoes, flooding, winter storms and even man-made hazards,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “Just since I took office, Kentuckians have endured 11 federally declared disasters. Every household should be prepared with food, shelter and emergency plans for every member of the family.”

A disaster can occur anytime, anywhere in Kentucky. In fact, cleanup and damage assessments recently occurred from thunderstorms. Heavy rain in Floyd and Johnson counties forced evacuations and damaged dozens of homes. Fortunately, no one was injured. “We urge Kentuckians to be prepared for any emergency or disaster,” said Gene Kiser, Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. “Supplies such as water, non-perishable food, flashlights and batteries, radios and first aid kits are easy to store, and can be lifesavers when a crisis hits. A communication plan with family, friends and neighbors is also important. Emergency situations can happen any time, any place, so it is smart to be prepared.”

According to Michael E. Dossett, Director of Kentucky emergency Management, “Educating and preparing citizens is important, which is why Gov. Beshear, Kentucky Homeland Security and Kentucky Emergency Management are joining together to offer preparedness tips.”

PLANNING FOR DISASTER:

BE AWARE:

- * Stay informed about risks in your community and monitor weather forecasts.
- * Own and monitor a battery backed-up NOAA Weather Alert Radio. During threatening weather, stay tuned to your local broadcast stations.
- * Discuss conditions with family members, and know their locations during dangerous weather.

BE PREPARED:

- * Discuss known risks with family members and neighbors.
- * Develop and review your emergency plan periodically for necessary updates.
- * Refresh your emergency kit periodically. A kit should have enough food, water and medications for 5 days.
- * Drill: practice your plan with household members.

HAVE A PLAN:

- * Utilities – Written instructions for how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you’ll need a professional to turn them back on.)
- * Shelter – Identify safe locations within your residence.
- * Contacts – Written contact information for relatives, neighbors, utility companies, employers/employees and local emergency contact telephone numbers.
- * Evacuate – Predetermine evacuation routes. Identify where you could go if told to evacuate. Choose several places, such as a friend or relative’s home in another town, a motel or shelter.



- * Children – Make backup plans for children in case you (or they) can’t get home in an emergency.
- * Vehicles – keep jumper cables in vehicles at all times. Maintain at least a half tank of fuel in vehicles. Move vehicles away from under trees during possible wind events. Keep an emergency kit in all vehicles. During winter months, keep a blanket and bag of kitty litter in the trunk.
- * Medications – Prepare a list of all prescription drugs.
- * Share your plan with others, including friends or relatives in another region or even in another state.

For additional preparedness information, visit www.ready.gov and Kentucky Emergency Management at www.kyem.ky.gov.

Courtesy Kentucky’s Office of Homeland Security and Kentucky Emergency Management.

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!



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **August 2014**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings
Woodmont/Lincoln	1					
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1	3		2		2
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook		1				
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	3	1				1
Dannywood/Browns		2				
Browns/Lincoln		1		2		
4600 Block Lincoln		1				1
Browns/Brookhaven						
Rockwood	1					1
Dannywood/Woodmont	2					2
Statton/Woodmont						
Woodmont/St Regis	1					1
St Regis Ln						
Browns/Lowe		2				
Mt. Vernon		2				

Total:	9	13	0	4	0	8
YTD Total:	76	143	1	56	3	89
Resident:	5	3		0		7
Non-Resident:	4	10		4		1
YTD- Resident	30	43	0	9	0	70
YTD-Non-Resident	46	100	1	47	3	19

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - 1
Stranded Motorist -
Council Meeting - 1

911 Call -
Suspicious Person - 1
Foot Patrol - 2
Aid in Collision -

Towed Vehicle -
Officer Assist - 1
Business Check - 46
Burglar Alarm - 1

House Watches:

St. Regis Lane - 1
Stormon -
Cambridge -

Lincoln - 11
Foxy Poise -
Lowe -
Saddle Horn -

Mt. Vernon - 2
Woodward - 2
Aintree -
Browns -

Lynnbrook -
Saddle Ct -
Ashfield -
Dannywood -

Warrant Attempts: -

Summons Attempts: -

Abbreviations:

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

BRANCHING OUT

As we ease into the fall, the St. Regis Park Tree Board is thrilled with the progress we have made, and while we know we have a long way to go, we want to update our neighbors about what we are doing, and what the future might hold.

Over the next few months, you will likely see our new arborist, Cindi Sullivan, walking the city, performing a survey/inventory of our city's trees. There are many reasons to begin with a survey. First, Cindi needs to know exactly what trees we have. Any city with a good tree cover will contain a variety of species and trees of various sizes and ages. If, for example, our city contained only ash trees, we would be in big trouble with the infestation of the Emerald Ash borer. A comprehensive survey will enable her to give individuals and the city solid tree advice. And by the way, Cindi asked us to let you know how gratified she has been with the enthusiastic and welcoming greetings she has received from our residents. She is thrilled to see how many people care for their trees and plantings!

Secondly, the tree board needs to understand what residents' needs are for help in maintaining old and planting new trees. The mayor and city council are very supportive of future incentives to treat and maintain existing trees as well as efforts to plant more trees.

Both are necessary if we want a healthy and varied tree population.

Finally, if we care for our existing trees, plant more on a regular basis, and show that our city values the benefits that trees provide to our city—shade, beauty, increase in property values, oxygen, pollution reduction, reduced energy costs—it will only be natural for us to apply to be an Arbor Day Foundation Tree City, and a survey will be helpful for putting together our application for that designation.

So, the tree board thanks you for all of the support you have given us, the city leadership, and Cindi. We “treely” believe that we are moving in the right direction!

Sincerely,

Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle, and Mary Mattingly

St. Regis Park Tree Board



Council Member Meeting Attendance 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings Held</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>	<u>YTD%</u>
Brandt Davis	9	6	67%
Talbott Allen	9	8	89%
Bob Graves	9	7	78%
Stephen Hoard	9	7	78%
Louie Schweickhardt	9	9	100%
Eric Shackelford	3	2	67%
Frank Wheatley	9	8	89%
Cheryl Willett	9	9	100%



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491-4745 – Non-Emergency

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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

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 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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