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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.

HALLOWEEN is Saturday, 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 1. 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.

Tuesday, November 3, is ELECTION DAY. There are a number of contested offices, and every vote is important. **BE SURE TO VOTE!**

VETERANS DAY is Wednesday, 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.**

Council Members **Talbott Allen** and **Cheryl Willett** and their committee are hard at work finalizing plans for the annual **ST. REGIS PARK HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA.** This year's celebration will again be held at the **St. Andrew United Church of Christ,** 2608 Browns Lane, on **Sunday, December 13.** Refreshments, door prizes, a visit from Santa and good old family fun and fellowship will occur.

In addition, the City of St. Regis Park will again sponsor a **HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST** to be judged by impartial

representatives from an outside agency. There will be three categories: **BEST TRADITIONAL HOME, MOST CREATIVE HOME** and the infamous **CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD.** The winner in each category will receive a \$200 gift card. Decorate your home by **Monday, December 14** to be eligible to win.

A final event I didn't earlier mention is **Thursday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY.** From all of us on the City Council, we are deeply thankful and extend to each of 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. ***Remember, 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

NOVEMBER 1	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 3	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM) ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 10	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY RECYCLING PICKUP
NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 24	RECYCLING PICKUP
NOVEMBER 26	THANKSGIVING DAY

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 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, October 6, 2015 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Talbott Allen, Frank Wheatley.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Davis tabled the new banner/sign discussions until the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charlie Veeneman, City Accountant, presented the Financial Report for September 2015. General Fund revenues for the month were \$171,705.07 with year-to-date revenues at \$256,695.78. Total expenses for the month were \$26,027.24 with year-to-date expenses at \$80,998.02 resulting in year-to-date revenue over expenses of \$175,697.76.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,458.82 with year-to-date revenues at \$7,609.36. Total expenses for the month were \$0 with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenue of \$7,609.36.

Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the September 2015 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Graves observed the Check Register for September was omitted from the Financial Report. Mr. Veeneman will submit that document to the Council electronically.

Complete financials are posted on the City's website at 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 September 1, 2015. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

No Report. The Kentuckian Law Enforcement (KLE) Small City Police Activity Report for September 2015 will be published in the next newsletter.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN (Absent)

No Report.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

Mr. Betts patrolled 109 miles and issued 9 Hi Neighbor notices, 8 notices of violation, 3 parking violations and he conducted 32 house visits. In addition, Mr. Betts created a tracking spreadsheet for all offenses. The spreadsheet will be distributed to all Council Members on a monthly basis.

Mr. Betts informed the Council that he could not continue to do his job for \$300.00 per month and requested his salary be raised to \$500.00 monthly. The Council discussed the request and Mr. Shackelford made a motion to raise the monthly salary of the Citation Officer to \$500.00 per month. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. Mayor Davis informed Mr. Betts the salary could be adjusted if the work did not meet the expectations of the Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler, City Attorney, introduced a 2nd Reading of the revised Garage Ordinance:

Ordinance 3, Series 2015-2016 - Revised Garage Ordinance – After discussion and revisions, Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the revised ordinance. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried without dissent. A copy of the ordinance will appear in the November 2015 newsletter.

Mr. Singler also introduced Municipal Order #1, 2015-2016, which provides the City Citation Officer guidance in regards to ordinance enforcement policies and procedures. Mr. Hoard made a motion to approve the order. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. A copy of the order will appear in the November 2015 newsletter.

PUBLIC WORKS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

No Report.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN (Absent)

In Mr. Allen's absence, Ms. Willett reported the St. Regis Park Holiday Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, December 13, from 4-6 pm at St. Andrew Church, 2608 Browns Lane. There will be refreshments, door prizes and a visit from Santa. Photos will be taken with Santa. In addition, the City will again sponsor a House Decoration Contest which will be judged on December 14. The categories are: Best Traditional Home, Most Creative Home and the Clark Griswold Award. The winner in each category will receive a \$200 gift card.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

No further report.

BUILDING PERMITS: STEPHEN HOARD

Mr. Hoard issued three permits: a privacy fence at 4319 Mt. Vernon Road, a shed at 2807 Mayford Way, and a rear addition at 4412 Dannywood Road. Mr. Hoard will also follow-up on a parking space addition at a Browns Lane residence.

The City has "No Parking" signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call City Clerk Bill Hodapp at 654-8145 for information regarding the use of these signs.

Mr. Hoard discussed a handicap ramp installed in the City on St. Regis Lane and advised there were no City ordinances covering the installation or construction of such ramps which are generally of a temporary nature. Mr. Singler will research the issue and follow-up at the next meeting.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY (Absent)

Mr. Wheatley was absent but earlier submitted a written report. The CPR Certification email blast was sent to 184 subscribers and was viewed by 75. The Facebook post regarding “Best Neighborhood to Retire In” gained the most traction of any post every by the City (7,573 people reached, 72 likes, 24 shares and 18 comments). Mr. Wheatley is working with Mr. Betts on a citation tracking database and investigating the Google Fiber project in Louisville.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

No Report.

FINANCE: ERIC SHACKELFORD

No Report.

TREE BOARD:

Mr. Joe Hinkle was representing the St. Regis Park Tree Board and advised that the fall planting of trees should start around October 19.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Bill Holton of Dannywood Road attended and was complimentary of his neighbor’s new garage.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Graves made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 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.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2015

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	10	10	100%
Talbott Allen	10	8	80%
Bob Graves	10	9	90%
Stephen Hoard	10	8	80%
Louie Schweickhardt	10	9	90%
Eric Shackelford	10	6	60%
Frank Wheatley	10	8	80%
Cheryl Willett	10	10	100%



**Holiday
Extravaganza!**

City of St. Regis Park

Sunday, December 13th
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Andrew UCC, 2608 Browns Lane
Join your friends and neighbors for
pizza, snacks, music, door prizes and
Santa Claus!

*Bring your children for pictures with
Santa*

City of Saint Regis Park House Decoration Contest

Channel your inner Clark Griswold and decorate your home for the holiday season! Decorate your home by Monday, December 14th in order to be eligible to win. There will be three categories: *Best Traditional Home*, *Most Creative*, and *The Clark Griswold Award*.

All decorated houses in the city will be judged by an impartial secret panel. A \$200 gift card will be awarded to the winner in each category.

Note: The judges will be looking for tastefully decorated homes in the first two categories.

The Clark Griswold Award will go to the home worthy of the award's namesake. (Consult the movie [Christmas Vacation](#) for inspiration.)





Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **September 2015**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Woodmont/Lincoln	2					2	
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1	1		1		2	1
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook							
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	1						1
Dannywood/Browns		2				2	
Browns/Lincoln	1	7				3	5
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven		4		1		1	4
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	1						1
Statton/Woodmont	2	1				2	1
Woodmont/St Regis							
St Regis Ln		1		1			2
Browns/Lowe		2		1			3
Mt. Vernon	1	5				3	3
Total:	9	23	0	4	0	15	21
YTD Total:	112	190	5	63	4	161	213
Resident:	5	3		2		8	2
Non-Resident:	4	20		2		7	19
YTD- Resident	69	45	0	19	0	115	18
YTD-Non-Resident	43	145	5	44	4	46	195
TOTAL:	112	190	5	63	4	161	213

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - 2
 Stranded Motorist -
 Council Meeting - 1
 House Watch - 17

Suspicious Person - 5
 Foot Patrol -
 Resident Contact - 9

Officer Assist - 6
 Business Check - 52
 Alarm -

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 1.** 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 of us 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-related deaths are from smoke inhalation, not flames or burns.

When you change your clocks back to Standard Time on November 1, 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 safety procedures.

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 prevent 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 Block Watch Program

If you are not already on the City of St. Regis Park's Block Watch List, send your name and email address to: stregispark@gmail.com .

INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP

CUT MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Making additional payments toward the principal of your mortgage will do three things for the homeowner: save interest, build equity and shorten the term on fixed rate mortgages.

These three things should be beneficial enough to justify the extra payments but another huge advantage is available to those who have private mortgage insurance on their loan. Mortgage insurance rates vary but can range from seventy-five to two hundred dollars a month on a \$200,000 mortgage.

Lenders are required to automatically terminate mortgage insurance when the principal balance reaches 78% of the original value of the property. Still, it is important for homeowners to monitor their balance because sometimes lenders may inadvertently fail to terminate the coverage.

Mortgage insurance is a necessary but expensive requirement for many people who are limited to a down payment of less than 20%. Eliminating the need for it can save thousands of dollars over time.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) issued a compliance bulletin on August 4, 2015.

Remember, contact your real estate professional to evaluate the opportunities of making a move, and make certain you know the **TRUE VALUE** of your home **BEFORE** listing it for sale.

BRANCHING OUT

As I write this in late September, it is finally raining, but prior to this, we have not had significant rainfall for well over a month, after a wet early summer, and this unevenness of rain is not good for our trees!

Let's review what you should be doing if you have new or established trees:

New trees--two years or less in your yard--keep using your watering bag, or keep watering frequently as long as the ground is not frozen. At that time, remove your bag or stop watering for the hard part of winter, and keep the bag in your garage or basement. Then bring it back in the spring.

All other trees, even old ones--These trees need occasional, but deep watering--an inch or more at a time. Put a bowl out as you water to make sure an inch accumulates in it--or water most of the day or overnight with a very narrow trickle of water. Your goal is to get water to soak into the top 10 or so inches of the soil. There are also root feeders that water along with the food. If in doubt about how to water effectively, check out these sites:

<https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/watering.cfm>

<http://www.gardeners.com/how-to/when-to-water-trees/7931.html>

Other fall and winter tree work:

While we understand that not everyone enjoys raking leaves (although it can be a great aerobic and whole-body workout), we hope you will do the math and realize that it is much, much cheaper to hire someone to rake your leaves (for the next ten years!) than to take your mature tree out because you don't want to fool with the leaves. If you truly have an issue with your leaves, please let the Tree Board know, and we will try to match you up with a young person who can help you!

Removing your leaves is particularly important if you have a tree susceptible to fungal disease. Use paper lawn bags or cans to put them out as lawn waste. Diseases that affect tree leaves like powdery mildew or various leaf spots will come back the next year if the affected leaves are not removed.

Water, rake, and above all, ENJOY the amazing fall colors!

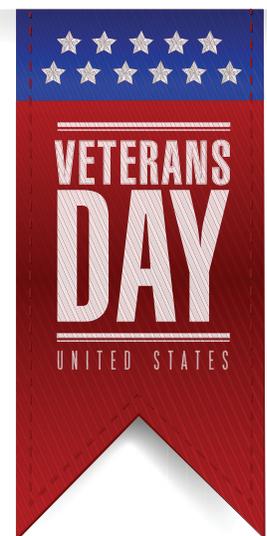
The St. Regis Park Tree Board

VETERANS DAY

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.





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"I suspect we may have new owners in the park that our unaware of our dog ordinance. I have found a number of large piles of excrement in my back and front yard recently. This is annoying when I have to stop and pick up the mess and dispose of it while cutting my grass. If something is not done I will arrange for the animal to be trapped by the humane society and taken away. They will call the owner and fine them when they come to pick up the animal.

Please note this ordinance in the next issue of St. Regis Reports. I love all animals, especially dogs, but I don't like someone else's dog to use my yard as their bathroom. They apparently let the dog run at night when they can't be seen.

Thanks for your help. I would appreciate if you would not use my name. Just say some residents don't want stray dogs defecating in their yards at night and that it is against our ordinances. I suspect they already know the law, but choose to ignore it. That is probably why (they) let them out at night."

A Foxy Poise Road Resident

Although this issue was most recently addressed in the August Newsletter, all of the City of St. Regis Park's Ordinances can be found on the City's website, www.stregispark.net .

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**CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MUNICIPAL ORDER 1, 2015-2016
A MUNICIPAL ORDER CREATING AN ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of St. Regis Park wishes to provide the City Citation Officer guidance in regards to ordinance enforcement policies and procedures,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK:

Section 1.

- (a) The Citation Officer shall make a record of any complaint of ordinance violation he or she receives, noting the day that the complaint was received, who lodged the complaint and briefly describe the nature of the complaint. The Citation Officer shall also note what actions were taken to investigate the complaint and whether or not the complaint was substantiated. If substantiated, the Citation Officer shall record what actions were taken to resolve the complaint and whether the complaint was resolved. This data shall be updated and presented each month to the City Council.
- (b) When the Citation Officer has a substantiated complaint of ordinance violation, he or she shall issue a written notice to the person who is alleged to have committed the ordinance violation and give that person 10 days to remedy the violation. More time to remedy the violation may only be given if the Mayor agrees to a time extension. Copy of the written notice shall be retained.
- (c) If the ordinance violation has not been remedied within the time given in the notice and any extension, the Citation Officer shall take photographs of the violation and send a Final Notice and Citation. The notice shall be in a form prescribed by the City and shall state that if the resident contests the ordinance violation, the resident has a right to appeal the citation to the full City Council, but such appeal must be in writing and the writing must be received within five days of the Final Notice. The Appeal will be put on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled council meeting and the council will decide to uphold the citation, modify the citation, or dismiss the citation. The resident will be allowed to speak to support his or her appeal.
- (d) If no appeal is received in the five day time period, the Citation Officer shall present the Final Notice and Citation to the Mayor for a determination as to the appropriate enforcement and penalty to be imposed. The Mayor shall determine whether to remediate the ordinance violation and place a lien on the property for the cost of the remediation; or have the Citation Officer charge the resident with a criminal offence through Jefferson District Court.

Section 2. This Municipal Order shall take effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

W. R. Mpp 10/6/2015
City Clerk

Those in Favor: 5

Those Opposed: 0

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
ORDINANCE 3, SERIES 2015-2016
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CERTAIN SECTIONS
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING GARAGES

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of St. Regis Park is concerned about the property values in the City as well as the public health and safety of its citizens and the enforcement of City ordinances,

AND WHEREAS, the City desires to revise the city ordinances dealing with garage construction to promote the public good and to keep property values high for all residents,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained,

SECTION 1: Section 150.18(A), be and hereby is repealed and replaced as follows:

150.18 (A) All garages shall be no more than 28 feet wide and 26 feet deep. Garages shall have a roof pitch no greater than a 5/12 pitch and no detached garage may be over 16 feet in height, as measured from the peak of the roof straight down to ground level. No attached garage shall be higher than the principal structure. Garages can be either frame, brick or stone, no concrete block garages are allowed. The exterior facing the street ~~must~~ may be faced with brick or stone, however, in addition, wood, aluminum, or vinyl siding may be used on all other sides. Garages may be attached, detached or semi-detached (by roofed breeze way) to the residence. If detached, semi-detached, or attached form the house the garage must be erected in accordance with Jefferson County Planning Commission Regulations.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication.

First Reading: 8/4/2015

Second Reading: 10/6/2015

Passed and approved this 6th day of October, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

W. R. M. 10/6/2015
Clerk

Those in Favor 5

Those Opposed 0



CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

NEWSLETTER

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www.louisvilleky.gov

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ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month,
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The McMahan Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station, 4318 Taylorsville Rd.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.