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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER March 2017



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Dear Fellow Residents:

I'm sure we all look forward to **Spring** – the warmer temperatures, the greening of the grass and leaves, the blooming of flowers, the longer hours of daylight and outdoor activities. 2017 promises to be another great year for the City of St. Regis Park.

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 12**. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour. This, of course, is a great time to check those batteries in your smoke alarms. There are also several other dates to mark on your calendar.

This year, the **Annual St. Regis Park Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Saturday, April 8**, on the field at the end of Lincoln Road. Activities will begin promptly at **10 a.m.** with plenty of door prizes for the children and a visit from the **Easter Bunny**. Since there will not be a professional photographer present, bring your camera and be prepared to take plenty of photos. This is always a great event so plan to arrive early.

Also, mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 22**. The City of St. Regis Park will hold its **Third Annual Arbor Day Celebration**. Details are being finalized. The exact times and location will be published in next month's newsletter.

I earlier mentioned we all look forward to **Spring**. In fact, **Spring officially arrives on Monday, March 20**. With the warmer weather, many of our residents will bicycle for fun and function. For healthful recreation or everyday getting about, bicyclists can be found on almost every Kentucky roadway. Cooperation is the key to safe interaction between bicyclists and motorists and can be thought of as your duty of care, meaning you owe all other persons the duty of lawful behavior. Cooperation makes sharing the road safer for everyone.

As a reminder, Kentucky Revised Statutes 189 defines bicycles as vehicles and as such requires vehicles to obey all traffic controls including stop signs and traffic lights. These statutes grant bicyclists the right to the road but also assign them the responsibility to obey all laws and controls.

As always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, the City Council and I want to hear from you. We are always looking for ways to improve our City because **the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live. Together, we can make it even better!**

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

2016 – 2017 DELINQUENT TAXES
4304 ST. REGIS LANE \$442.16

(A tax lien has been filed on this property.)

IMPORTANT DATES

- MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY
- MARCH 7 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES
- MARCH 12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- MARCH 14 RECYCLING PICKUP
- MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- MARCH 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- MARCH 28 RECYCLING PICKUP

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

February 7, 2017

Following are the Minutes of the regular monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Brandt Davis; Council Members: Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, Louie Schweickhardt, Jeff Weis, Frank Wheatley, and Cheryl Willett.

Absent: Eric Shackelford.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charles J. Veeneman, CPA, City Accountant, presented the Financial and Investment Report for January 2017. General Fund revenues for the month were \$15,814.20 with year-to-date revenues at \$336,448.59. Total expenses for the month were \$22,363.81 with year-to-date expenses at \$208,403.68 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$128,044.91.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,619.36 with year-to-date revenues at \$17,766.55. Total expenses were \$1,900.00 with year-to-date expenses at \$1,900.00 resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$15,866.55.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$1,490.46.

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the January 2017 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

MINUTES:

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 3, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

TREE BOARD:

Mr. Joe Hinkle of the Tree Board attended the meeting and discussed the following:

- The Tree Board members have declined the offer of compensation from the City.
- The 2017 Arbor Day city celebration will be held at Ascension on Saturday, April 22nd. More information will be included in the newsletter and on the website.
- Twelve residents have requested trees for the spring planting.

POLICE REPORT:

The KLE Small City Activity Report for the month of January will be published in the March newsletter.

Mr. John Aubrey of Kentuckiana Law Enforcement attended the meeting and discussed additional services his company could provide to the City.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN

Mr. Milburn will meet with the property owner on Foxy Poise to discuss repairing the concrete apron and sidewalk. The City will be responsible for repairing the sidewalk and Mr. Milburn will inquire if the resident wishes to repair the apron at the same time. Separate invoicing and contracts will be required. Mr. Milburn will also: a) inspect all City streets for extensive damage and b) research a coating that will adhere to the curbs for street addresses.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS

In January, Mr. Betts patrolled 109 miles, issued 9 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 16 complaints and conducted 16 house visits/communications.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler presented a draft of the sanitation bid specifications that will be issued in February. Council Members reviewed the draft and offered the following input for the bid specifications.

The bid specifications will include:

- **Weekly** curbside and rear-door collections.
- **Weekly** collection of recycling materials.
- **Year-round weekly** collection of yard waste.

BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

No Report.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8th. More information will be published in the newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett discussed the use of fireworks around the 4th of July. Mr. Aubrey will add additional patrols during the holiday.

PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD (Absent)

Mr. Graves requested that the following be addressed:

- Repair the streetlight at Mt. Vernon Road and Mount Vernon Court.
- Repair the streetlight pole at Lynnbrook Drive and Foxy Poise Road.
- Repair the street sign at Foxy Poise Road and Stormon Court.
- Follow-up with MSD regarding the stormwater issue on St. Regis Lane.

Mayor Davis will confer with Mr. Shackelford to determine the status of each of the above. Mayor Davis has also requested Mr. Shackelford inspect all of the City street signs and replace those that are faded.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley is updating the City website and seeking Council input on a new/upgraded City logo.

Because of the scheduled holiday, Mr. Wheatley made a motion to move the July 4 Council Meeting to July 5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weis, and it passed without dissent.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves announced there are two new advertisers for the City Newsletter. Beginning with the upcoming issue, there will also be ads from St. Paul's Preschool and St. Regis Park resident, Rick Hynes, a Semonin realtor.

FINANCE: JEFF WEIS

Mr. Weis reviewed the bank statements for December 2016 and stated that there were no issues with the reconciliation process.

Mr. Weis inquired about changing the budget reporting process. The Mayor and Council did not believe that was necessary at this time.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is one property owner that did not pay taxes for the 2016-2017 period. A lien has been filed and the address will be published in the newsletter. Since taxes on this property have not been paid for several years, Mr. Singler discussed the foreclosure process.

Mr. Allen will review the City handbook and directory.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 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.

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.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE 2017

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	2	2	100%
Talbott Allen	2	2	100%
Bob Graves	2	2	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	2	2	100%
Eric Shackelford	2	1	50%
Jeff Weis	2	2	100%
Frank Wheatley	2	2	100%
Cheryl Willett	2	2	100%

Small City Activity Sheet



City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **Jan 2017**

Traffic Stops: Location:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Woodmont/Lincoln		2				2	
Lynnbrook/Aintree	1	3				2	2
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	3			1		3	1
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	2					1	1
Dannywood/Browns	1	3		5		4	5
Browns/Lincoln	1	3	1	5		4	6
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven							
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont		1				1	
Statton/Woodmont	1			1		2	
Woodmont/St Regis	2	1				2	1
St Regis Ln							
Browns/Lowe		4		2		4	2
Mt. Vernon	1	4		1		4	2
Total:	12	21	1	15	0	29	20
YTD Total:	12	21	1	15	0	29	20
Resident:	8	11		6		23	2
Non-Resident:	4	10	1	9		6	18
YTD- Resident	8	11		6		23	2
YTD-Non-Resident	4	10	1	9		6	18
TOTAL:	12	21	1	15	0	29	20

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Suspicious Vehicle - (ytd) | Suspicious Person - 1 (1 ytd) | Officer Assist - (ytd) |
| Stranded Motorist - (ytd) | Foot Patrol - | Business Check - 41 (41 ytd) |
| Council Meeting - | Resident Contact - (ytd) | Alarm - (ytd) |
| House Watch - 6 (6 ytd) | Trespassing - (ytd) | |



BRANCHING OUT

Before you know it, it will be Spring, and to your Tree Board members, that of course, means time to think (even more!) about trees! We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of our **top three priorities for the coming months:**

- 1. Save the Date for Arbor Day 2017**—This year's celebration will be **Saturday, April 22nd, at 2 PM**, at a location to be announced. We hope you will join us to hear Cindi Sullivan, our City Arborist, give an update on our tree canopy and other tree issues. You'll also have an opportunity to ask questions of Cindi and the Tree Board members.
- 2. Would You Like a New Front or Back Yard Tree?** If so, email the following information to Mary Mattingly mshmattingly@outlook.com
 - Your name
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Email address
 - Location you think you want a tree —Front, side, or back
 - Any thoughts you have on size or type of tree(s) you would prefer

Cindi will then put a flag in your yard where she thinks a tree would work. You have the chance to contact her if you have any concerns. When everything is settled, your yard will be marked for utilities, and the tree will be planted shortly thereafter. If you do not use email, call that information into the city phone line, 491-7777. To get a head start, fill out the Memorandum of Agreement, available below and on our website, retreethepark.com, and mail it to Joe Hinkle, 2605 Hurdle Way, 40220.

3. Do You Need Maintenance on Your Tree, or Advice About the Health of Your Trees? We still have money available in the funds allocated by the Mayor and City Council for tree maintenance and the removal of dead trees. Here's the policy and procedure, if you are interested in work in your front, side, or back yard: You may qualify for a one-time reimbursement of 40%, up to \$500, per household, per year, for tree maintenance (pruning, treatment, bracing, etc.) or removal of a dead or dying tree, as long as allocated funds are available. **Work must be approved by the city arborist and performed by a qualified, insured, and bonded tree contractor, with a certified arborist on staff.** To participate in this program, residents must submit a request to the Tree Board (see above for Mary Mattingly's email) with your name, address, phone, email, and the work you think needs to be done. The Tree Board will review and approve the applications to participate in the program based upon the arborist's evaluation and balance of funds allocated to the program. You may pick your own qualified tree service, but here is a list that residents have used recently:

- Reference List of Tree Maintenance Providers**
The vendors listed below may be used as a reference for tree maintenance. They have an arborist on staff and are insured and bonded.
- Limbwalker Tree Service502-634-0400**
 - Bob Ray Company502-425-7654**
 - Greenhaven Tree Care502-244-8770**
 - Tree Care of Louisville.....502-265-5535**
 - Phelps Tree Service.....502-239-1323**
 - Abundant Tree Care Services502-297-1578**
 - Danka Tree Service502-797-7003**

Tree Planting Memorandum of Agreement

As a resident of St. Regis Park, I agree to give the City of St. Regis Park (and its agents) my permission to enter my premises for the purpose of planting trees and release them from liability for same and further agree that any and all future maintenance of any planted tree or trees is my responsibility. I agree to maintain my new tree(s) to the best of my ability using the guidelines provided by the city arborist.

I will ensure that my tree(s) receive a regular thorough soaking of the soil in the root zone, and that the soil is kept consistently moist (but not wet) until the tree is well established.

I will ensure that my tree(s) maintain a healthy 2-3 inch layer of mulch over the root zone and that the mulch is kept from touching the trunk.

Printed name _____
 Signature _____
 Date _____



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INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP MORTGAGE LOANS FROM RELATIVES

Occasionally, when dealing with close relatives who might also become heirs, signing a note and handling the paperwork properly may seem like a needless effort but it could mean the difference in being able to take a legitimate interest deduction.

Home mortgage interest is deductible only if the loan is a secured debt which involves the buyer signing an instrument like a mortgage or deed of trust that makes the ownership of the home security for the debt. That instrument must then be recorded or otherwise perfected according to state or local law and the home, in case of default, must be able to satisfy the debt.

In a family situation, a parent, grandparent or other relative may decide to loan a buyer the money to purchase a home because they have it available and it isn't earning much in certificates of deposit. They offer to loan it for a rate equal to what a conventional lender is charging but without the fees.

While it may appear to be a win-win situation, there could be problems if things are not done correctly. Even if the borrower makes the payments, they are not entitled to an interest deduction unless three criteria are met; 1) sign a debt instrument specifying the terms, 2) securing and recording the debt properly and 3) the home is sufficient collateral for the loan.

It would be prudent to consult with an attorney before you sign the final settlement papers to be comfortable that both the buyer and the lender-relative are complying with IRS regulations. For more information, see *IRS Publication 936 – Home Mortgage Interest*.

Buyers and sellers need solid information to make good decisions. Contact a real estate professional with your questions or to get a recommendation of a reliable lender who can give you the real facts. Make certain you know the **TRUE VALUE** of your home **before** listing it for sale. Consult a professional.





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MEMBERS

Talbott Allen, Mayor Pro Tem – 451-3776
Bob Graves, Newsletter Editor – 451-2047
Louie Schweickhardt, Building Permits – 639-7731
Eric Shackelford, Public Works – 299-9859
Jeff Weis, Finance – 548-0522
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 – 654-8145
E-Mail – stregispark@gmail.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,
7:00 P.M., at the McMahan Fire Station

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1/8th page	\$300/year	\$150/six months
1/4th page	\$600/year	\$300/six months
½ page	\$1000/year	\$500/six months
Full Page	\$1800/year	\$900/six months



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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.