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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER April 2017



Number 4

Dear Fellow Residents:

April will be an exciting month for both the City of St. Regis Park and Greater Louisville. Final preparations are being made for the **Annual St. Regis Park Easter Egg Hunt** scheduled to begin promptly at **10:00 am on Saturday, April 8th**. As in past years, the event will be held **in the field at the end of Lincoln Road**. Bring the kids – and bring your camera.

The **Kentucky Derby Festival** will officially **begin on April 21st**. Several events are listed under **Important Dates** to include **Thunder Over Louisville, the Great Balloon Race** and the **Marathon/Minimarathon**. For a complete list of all events, please visit **Kentucky Derby Festival’s website (kdf.org)**.

The City of St. Regis Park has again been awarded the prestigious designation of **Tree City USA**. Our **Third Annual Arbor Day Celebration** will be held at the **Ascension Cafeteria** on **Saturday, April 22nd, from 2:00-3:00 pm**. Meet the members of the **Tree Board** and the **City’s Consulting Arborist, Cindi Sullivan**. I encourage all residents to attend these festivities and share in the recognition of this honor again being bestowed upon our City.

I also want to make you aware of **two very important actions** taken at the March 7th City Council Meeting. First, our current sanitation contract with Rumpke expires June 30th. The City solicited sealed bids from three separate waste management companies. The Council decided to award the new contract to **Rumpke Waste and Recycling**. The new contract takes effect July 1, 2017, and runs for four years, expiring June 30, 2021. This will provide our residents with the continuity of **uninterrupted service and rear door (and curb side) solid waste garbage pickup**, as well as **two new services**. Rumpke will now provide the City with **year-round yard waste collection**. In addition, **beginning in July, recycling collection will occur weekly**. Rumpke has been the City’s garbage provider for decades and has a proven track record for excellent service. The **year-round yard waste collection and weekly recycling** not only provide additional services to our citizens but will no doubt eliminate confusion as to what is picked up and when.

The second important decision was the **appointment of Stephen Hoard as the City’s Citation Officer**. Stephen is a former St. Regis Park Councilman. His expertise with building codes and knowledge of the City Ordinances **will insure the highest standards of St. Regis Park are not only achieved but maintained**. He too subscribes to my philosophy of **St. Regis Park being a great place to live. Together, we will 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

- APRIL 1 APRIL FOOLS’ DAY
- APRIL 4 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(7:00 PM @ MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT)
- APRIL 8 ST. REGIS PARK EASTER EGG HUNT
(10:00 AM @ END OF LINCOLN ROAD)
- APRIL 9 PALM SUNDAY
- APRIL 11 PASSOVER
RECYCLING PICKUP
- APRIL 14 GOOD FRIDAY
- APRIL 16 EASTER SUNDAY
- APRIL 17 TAX DAY
- APRIL 21 KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL BEGINS
- APRIL 22 SRP ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
(2:00-3:00 PM @ ASCENSION CAFETERIA)
THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE
(3:00 PM AIR SHOW; FIREWORKS 9:30 PM)
EARTH DAY
- APRIL 25 RECYCLING PICKUP
- APRIL 27 GREAT BALLOON RACE
(7:00 AM @ BOWMAN FIELD)
- APRIL 28 ARBOR DAY
- APRIL 29 MARATHON & MINIMARATHON
(7:30 AM)

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

March 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, March 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, the City Accountant, presented the Financial and Investment Report for February 2017. General Fund revenues for the month were \$25,936.40 with year-to-date revenues at \$362,384.99. Total expenses for the month were \$18,242.66 with year-to-date expenses at \$226,646.34 resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$135,738.62.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,343.22 with year-to-date revenues at \$20,109.77. Total expenses were \$950.00 with year-to-date expenses at \$2,850.00 resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$17,259.77.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$1,703.80.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the February 2017 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheatley, and it passed without dissent.

MINUTES:

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheatley, and it passed without dissent.

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Mary Mattingly of the Tree Board attended the meeting and discussed the following:

- The City has received the Tree City USA designation for the second year in a row.
- A preliminary budget was presented and Mayor Davis requested additional information regarding the fees paid to the City Arborist, Ms. Cindi Sullivan. Ms. Mattingly will review the

inquiry with the Tree Board and report at the April meeting.

- 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. Ms. Mattingly presented the 2017 Arbor Day proclamation to the Council. Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt, and it passed without dissent.
- Fifteen (15) residents have requested trees for the spring planting.
- Nine (9) residents have applied for tree maintenance reimbursement.

POLICE REPORT:

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

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN

- Mr. Milburn provided a \$1,510.00 quote from a contractor to repair the sidewalk at 2605 Foxy Poise Road. He will meet with the property owner to discuss repairing the concrete apron when the City repairs the sidewalk. If the resident decides to move forward with having the apron replaced at his or her cost, Mr. Singler will draft an agreement letter between the City and resident. Mr. Milburn will document the current conditions prior to and after the sidewalk replacement.
- Mr. Milburn inspected the cracks in the roadways and recommended no further action at this time.
- Mr. Milburn was unable to recommend a long lasting coating, paint or viable solution for applying the addresses to the curbing at each residence. At this time, the Council has no plans to address this issue.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: KENNY BETTS (Absent)

In February, Mr. Betts patrolled 98, issued 7 Hi-Neighbor notices, received 3 complaints and conducted 16 house visits/communications.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler presented a summary of the sanitation bids from Ecotech, Rumpke and Waste Management. After Council discussion, Mr. Graves made a motion to approve Municipal Order #1, 2016-2017 which outlines a four (4) year (2017-2021) contract with Rumpke. Mr. Allen seconded the motion, and it passed without the dissent. Beginning July 1, 2017 the following services will be provided by Rumpke:

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

Mr. Singler informed the Council about Airbnb, an online marketplace and hospitality service, enabling people to list or rent short-term lodging including vacation rentals, apartment rentals, homestays, hostel beds, etc. The Council does not

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.

believe there are any issues with Airbnb in the City and took no action.

BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

Mr. Schweickhardt approved two (2) building permits in February.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8th.
- At this time, Mr. Allen recommended the City not publish a City information handbook and directory. There was no opposition from the Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD (Absent)

Mr. Graves addressed the following:

- Repair of the streetlight at Mt. Vernon Road and Mt. Vernon Court.
- Repair of the streetlight pole at Lynnbrook Drive and Foxy Poise Road. LG&E has addressed, and Mr. Shackelford should inspect and confirm.
- Repair of the street sign at Foxy Poise Road and Stormon Court. Mr. Schweickhardt will make the repairs.
- Follow-up with MSD regarding the stormwater issue on St. Regis Lane.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

Mr. Wheatley has requested approval to make formatting changes to the City logo. The Council had no issues with the formatting changes.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves received an inquiry to publish a one line sentence offering babysitting services in the newsletter at no charge. The Council did not approve and recommended the inquirer use social media sites and phone applications to publicize the service.

FINANCE: JEFF WEIS

Mr. Weis reviewed the bank statements for January 2017 and is awaiting additional information from the City Accountant before approving the reconciliation.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

Ms. Mary Mattingly requested information about residents that have no or very little landscaping. The Council will review her request. She also recommended that neighbors help each other in their time of need (i.e.; take in a sick neighbor's garbage can).

Mrs. Bailey Hoard attended but had no comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Little Library box has been delivered to Ascension. Mayor Davis asked Mr. Wheatley to assist with the installation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis recommended the termination of City Citation Officer, Mr. Kenny Betts. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the termination. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and the motion passed without dissent. The City will pro-rate the March salary and pay Mr. Betts for February mileage and cell phone bills through March 7, 2017. Mayor Davis will recover City owned property from Mr. Betts.

In order to maintain the standards within the City, Mayor Davis recommended hiring resident Stephen Hoard as the new Citation Officer. Mr. Hoard, who was present at the meeting, served as a St. Regis Park Council Member in the recent past and is interested in the position. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Hoard. Mr. Schweickhardt seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Wheatley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 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 2017

Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Brandt Davis	3	3	100%
Talbott Allen	3	3	100%
Bob Graves	3	3	100%
Louie Schweickhardt	3	3	100%
Eric Shackelford	3	1	33%
Jeff Weis	3	3	100%
Frank Wheatley	3	3	100%
Cheryl Willett	3	3	100%



Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year: **Feb 2017**

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:							
Woodmont/Lincoln	1	2				3	
Lynnbrook/Aintree		1				1	
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook				1		1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon	1						1
Dannywood/Browns		5				4	1
Browns/Lincoln		5					5
4600 Block Lincoln							
Browns/Brookhaven							
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	2	2		2		4	2
Statton/Woodmont	3			1		4	
Woodmont/St Regis	1					1	
St Regis Ln		1				1	
Browns/Lowe		3		1		4	
Mt. Vernon	1	2		1		4	
Total:	9	21	0	6	0	27	9
YTD Total:	21	42	1	21	0	56	29
Resident:	4	12		3		19	
Non-Resident:	5	9		3		8	9
YTD- Resident	12	23		9		42	2
YTD-Non-Resident	9	19	1	12		14	27
TOTAL:	21	42	1	21	0	56	29

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (ytd)
 Stranded Motorist - (ytd)
 Council Meeting -
 House Watch - 7 (13 ytd)

Suspicious Person - (1 ytd)
 Foot Patrol -
 Resident Contact - (ytd)
 Trespassing - (ytd)

Officer Assist - (ytd)
 Business Check - 40 (81 ytd)
 Alarm - (ytd)

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER



TRAVELER SAFETY TIPS

In the coming months, many of us will be traveling, staying at motels/hotels along the way or at a resort as our final destination. The following are a few traveler safety tips courtesy of Drury Hotels (druryhotels.com):

- Don't answer the door to your guestroom without verifying who it is. If a person claims to be an employee, call the front desk and ask if someone from their staff is supposed to have access to your room and for what purpose.
- Keep your room key/card with you at all times and don't needlessly display it in public. Should you misplace it, please notify the front desk immediately.
- Close the door securely when you are in your room and use all of the locking devices provided.
- Check to see that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked.
- Don't invite strangers to your room.
- Be aware of potential phone scams and prank calls to your guestroom. Hotel employees will never request credit card or personal information over the phone, nor will they advise a guest to damage hotel property.
- Place all valuables in the hotel or motel's safe deposit box.
- When returning to your hotel or motel late in the evening, be aware of your surroundings, stay in well-lighted areas and use the main entrance.
- Take a few moments and locate the nearest exit in the event of an emergency.
- If you see any suspicious activity, notify the hotel operator or a staff member.

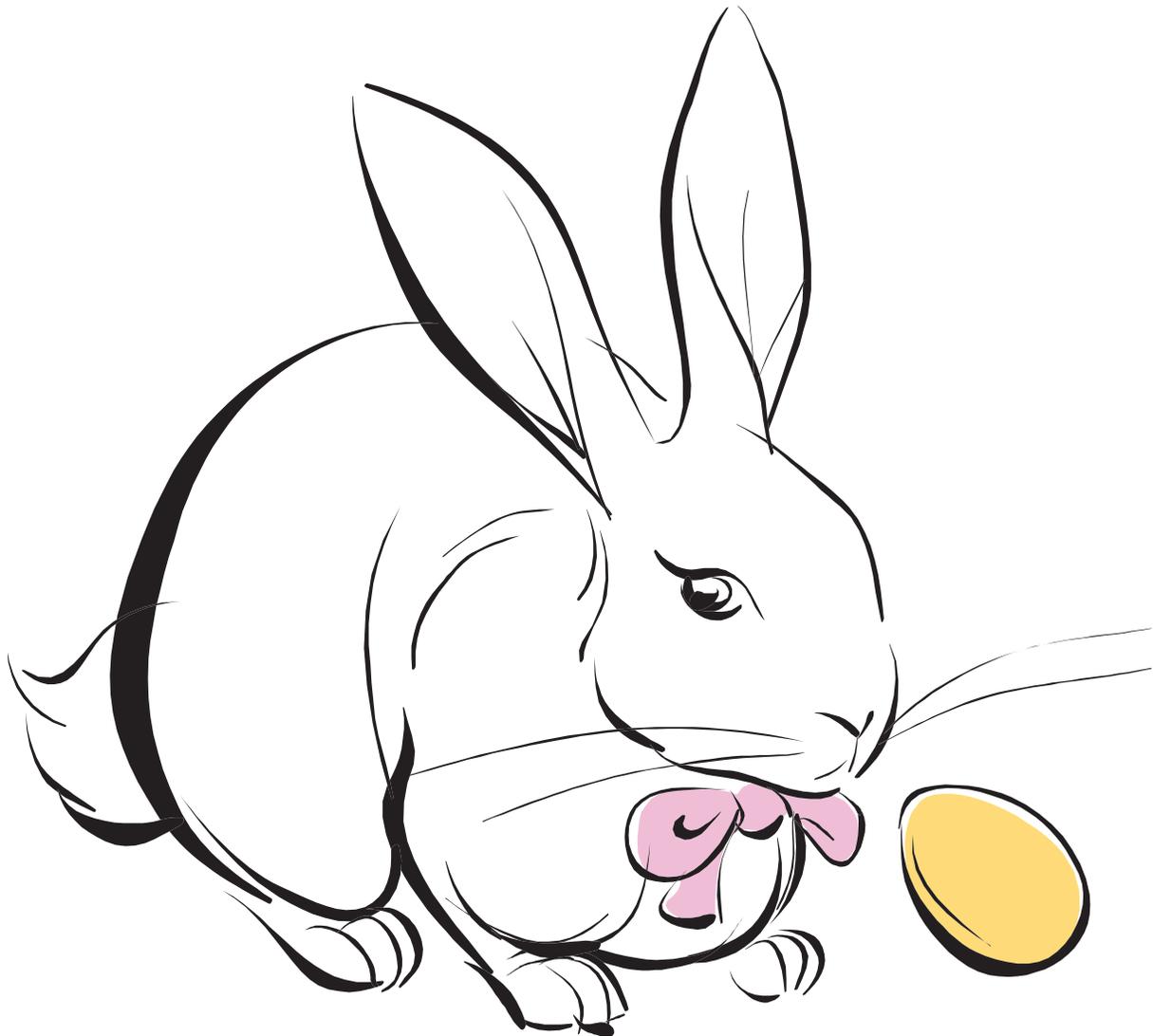
**ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!
SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

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.

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Saturday, April 8th

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On the field at the end of Lincoln Road



Arbor Day Proclamation Third Annual

Whereas The City of St. Regis Park, Kentucky, values trees as an important natural resource;

Whereas The City values the biological diversity of trees, and their role in providing air, water, and soil protection, filtering pollutants, and providing habitat;

Whereas The City values well-selected and maintained trees to contribute to property values and decreased energy costs;

Whereas The City's vision is a City with an appropriately full and healthy tree canopy;

Whereas The Tree Board and its City Arborist support the Mayor and City Council in providing information, education, and incentives for maintaining existing trees, developing a healthy tree canopy, and planting new trees.

Whereas Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the United States and throughout the world;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brandt Davis, Mayor of the City of St. Regis Park, do hereby proclaim that for 2017 the 4th Saturday of April, April 22nd, will be celebrated as Arbor Day in our City.

And I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to promote the well-being of future generations.

Dated this 7th day of March in the year 2017,

Mayor ***Brandt Davis***



St. Regis Park-- A Tree City USA—Year 2!

- **Please join us for our 3rd annual celebration of Arbor Day!**
- **Saturday, April 22nd, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Ascension Cafeteria**
- **Refreshments and Activities for Children**
- **Program**
 - **Welcome**
 - **Second Annual Tree Hero Award**
 - **“Ask Cindi” –Your chance to ask questions of Cindi Sullivan, our City Consulting Arborist or the St. Regis Park Tree Board**
 - **Sign-ups for city-purchased trees this Spring or Maintenance on existing trees**
 - **Raffle for Arbor Day tree giveaway**



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BRANCHING OUT

So, we Tree Board members are a little different. One of us was on a walk recently and emailed the rest of us that all he/she could see when walking were trees and bushes that hadn't exactly been pruned correctly. So here we are, with this month's topic—Cindi's advice in a nutshell for pruning properly and safely, and a link to a comprehensive UK Agriculture bulletin on pruning. So whether you want the long or the short of it, we have you covered on pruning!

TREES, MAKING PROPER PRUNING CUTS & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Mild winter and early spring days can provide excellent opportunities to get some landscape maintenance done around your yard or garden. One of the top items on your list might be to do some pruning of your trees. Here are some tips to get you started:

Pruning cuts should be made just outside the branch collar. The branch collar contains trunk or parent wood and should not be damaged or removed, it also contains plant chemicals that promote quick enclosure of the wound. The branch collar is a raised, wrinkled area at the intersection of the limbs.

First, remove any branches that are damaged, and cut back to a healthy bud any branches that are broken. This can and should be done as soon as the damage is noticed at any time of the year. Clean, sharp cuts allow the tree to better resist disease and insect problems.

Next, remove any branches that are crossing over or rubbing another. Choose the least vigorous, generally smaller or less sturdy branch to remove.

Now, remove any branches that are growing toward the inside of the tree. An open canopy allows the wind to move through the tree, reducing the chances of wind damage for the long term. More air movement through the tree also helps reduce leaf disease problems by allowing for faster moisture evaporation.

Pruning your trees as they are developing, and while the branches are smaller, makes for quick work and a healthy, long-lived tree.

If a large limb is to be removed, its weight should be reduced first. This is done by making an undercut about 12-18 inches from the limb's point of attachment. A second cut is then made from the top directly above or even a couple of inches out from the undercut. This will remove the limb leaving a 12-18 inch stub. The stub is then removed by making a clean sharp cut just outside the branch collar.

Making a three-step cut like this is safer and it reduces the possibility of tearing the bark.

You should also take some tips from the professionals when you do your own work and always use the proper safety equipment: safety glasses to protect eyes, good sturdy, steel toed boots, and heavy leather gloves. If you are using power equipment, you should have earplugs to muffle the noise and a hard hat.

For more information, read the UK Agriculture brochure on pruning: <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ho/ho45/ho45.pdf>

Or, if all this is too intimidating, or your trees are too big, take advantage of St. Regis Park's Tree Maintenance Program and apply through the Tree Board, then, when approved, call a tree service that is insured and bonded, and has an arborist on staff. For a good compendium of our tree programs, please see last month's Branching Out, available on our website, <http://www.retreethepark.com>

We're just a month away from Arbor Day, so we hope you will join us on Saturday, April 22nd, from 2-3 pm in the Ascension cafeteria, where we will celebrate our second year as a Tree City USA, honor a citizen as our Tree Hero of the year, and give you an opportunity to "Ask Cindi" all your tree questions. You can also sign up for a chance to win a beautiful ornamental tree planted for free in your lawn!

As always, thank you for helping us Re-Tree the Park!

**Your St. Regis Park Tree Board and Arborist
-- Jane, Joe, Mary, and Cindi**



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INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP MORTGAGE LOANS FROM RELATIVES

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS reports in its **2016 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers** that 12% of all buyers paid cash for their home.

Before paying cash for a home, a buyer should decide if they might put a loan on the home in the near future. It may affect the ability to deduct the interest on a mortgage placed on the home at a later date.

Homeowners can currently deduct the interest on up to \$1 million of acquisition debt which are the borrowed funds to buy, build or improve a home. Paying cash for a home establishes acquisition debt at zero. The only deductible interest to the owner would be home equity debt which is limited to \$100,000 over acquisition debt.

Paying cash certainly seems like a simple decision but it may limit a homeowner's ability to deduct interest on a future mortgage. You can get more information about this from **IRS Publication 936** or from your tax professional.

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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 Stephen Hoard, Citation Officer – 931-7004

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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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1/4th page	\$600/year	\$300/six months
½ page	\$1000/year	\$500/six months
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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.
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