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Dear Fellow Residents:

2017 will soon draw to a close in just a few short weeks. On behalf of all the members of the **St. Regis Park City Council** and staff, I want to take a moment to wish our residents and friends a very **Happy and Healthy New Year**. May the dawn of 2018 bring with it the serenity and peace we all seek, as well as health to us all.

I also want to personally extend a grateful thank you to our **Council Members** and those who serve on the **Tree Board** for their dedication and perseverance. Similarly, each member of our administrative staff deserves our praise for their competence and professionalism.

We successfully achieved many of the goals we set for this past year. The City Council continued to demonstrate their commitment to fiscal responsibility. The property and sanitation tax rates remained virtually the same as in recent years with increased services – weekly recycling and year-round yard waste pick-up. The City continued to provide additional police protection for the security of our residents. Our finances are sound.

Through the efforts of our **Tree Board**, St. Regis Park was again awarded the coveted **Tree City USA** designation. Over 220 new trees have now been planted throughout the City and more than 60 households have been reimbursed through the **Tree Maintenance Program**. The programs implemented by St. Regis Park and its Tree Board are the envy of neighboring cities small and large.

Residents of our City participated in numerous social events throughout the year including our **Annual Arbor Day Celebration**, the **Fourth of July observance**, the **city-wide yard sale** and the annual **Holiday Extravaganza** and **House Decorating Contests** – all community events which hopefully brought us closer together.

The **St. Regis Park Holiday Extravaganza** was once again a huge success. While the winners of the House Decorating Contests will be announced in next month's newsletter, in driving through the City, I believe our residents are decorating more and more each year. Without question, the City of St. Regis Park truly reflected the **Holiday Spirit**.

It has been an enormous honor and privilege to have been able to continue to serve you this year with both its challenges and successes. I strongly believe in an open government and with providing our residents insight into future concerns. With your help and support, I pledge to continue to dedicate my energy to you and our community as we strive to build upon the past year and make the City of St. Regis Park an even better place to live.

Again, I wish you, your family and all those you love a **Happy and Healthy New Year 2018**. **Remember, the City of St. Regis Park is a great place to live. Together, we will make it even better!**

Sincerely,
Brandt Davis, Mayor

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 2	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (MCMAHAN FIRE DISTRICT @ 7:00 PM)
JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

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

December 5, 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, December 5, 2017, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Eric Shackelford.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Davis encouraged residents to attend a public meeting being held on December 11, 2017 at the McMahan Fire Station to discuss the zoning that would allow the construction of a commercial storage rental facility at the corner of McMahan Blvd. and Browns Lane.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charles J. Veeneman, CPA, City Accountant, presented the Financial and Investment Report for November 2017. General Fund revenues for the month were \$9,201.02, with year-to-date revenues at \$327,133.08. Total expenses for the month were \$28,449.14, with year-to-date expenses at \$161,971.20, resulting in year-to-date revenues over expenses of \$165,161.88.

Road Fund revenues for the month were \$2,380.05, with year-to-date revenues at \$12,994.91. Total expenses were \$0, with year-to-date expenses at \$0, resulting in year-to-date excess revenues of \$12,994.91.

Year-to-date interest earned on investments was \$6,304.65.

Ms. Willett made a motion to approve the November 2017 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheatley. It passed without dissent.

Mr. Veeneman recommended selling a GNMA asset backed security (SRP # 1044) the city purchased in 2015. The return on investment and the maturity date were the factors the Council discussed. Mr. Graves made a motion to sell the GNMA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt. It passed without dissent.

MINUTES:

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 7, 2017. The motion

was seconded by Ms. Willett. It passed without dissent.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: MEL MILBURN

Mr. Milburn inspected the city sidewalks, provided a scope of work and cost estimate for the repairs. The recent sidewalk grinding/cutting project addressed sidewalk trip hazards greater than ½". Mayor Davis requested that Council Members walk the city sidewalks and provide feedback on the proposed work and the recent activity done by Precision Cutting, Inc.

At the request of the Council, Mr. Milburn identified locations for the placement of speed humps on Woodward Drive and Ashfield Lane. After discussion by the Council, attending residents and Mr. Milburn, Mr. Allen made a motion to install two (2) speed humps on Woodward Drive and one (1) on Ashfield Lane. Mr. Weis seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wheatley opposed. The project will take place in the Spring of 2018.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT: STEPHEN HOARD (Absent)

Jason Lewis was sworn in by the City Attorney as the new City Citation Officer.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JOHN SINGLER

Mr. Singler stated that there is no current legal action being taken in regards to the House Bill 246 lawsuit.

Mr. Singler has been attempting to contact Spectrum Cable to discuss the upcoming action to impose cable franchise fees. Additional information will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS: LOUIE SCHWEICKHARDT

A permit to install a shed on Foxy Poise was issued.

SPECIAL EVENTS: TALBOTT ALLEN

The annual holiday social is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew United Church of Christ on Browns Lane.

PUBLIC SAFETY: CHERYL WILLETT

Ms. Willett provided information for other companies that provide police services for the city. Mayor Davis asked Ms. Willett to contact other cities that use those companies and ensure they are providing adequate service.

The Council discussed hiring a police officer but took no action after discussion.

Ms. Willett invited Louisville Metro Councilwoman Marilyn Parker to attend a City Council Meeting but she is unable to attend due to conflicts in her work schedule. Councilwoman Parker offered to send her aide or attend a meeting with the Council at another date and time.

**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.**

PUBLIC WORKS: ERIC SHACKELFORD (Absent)

No Report.

MARKETING/IT: FRANK WHEATLEY

No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR: BOB GRAVES

Mr. Graves has received complaints about vehicles parking in the yard at Foxy Poise and Riders Row Court. Mr. Lewis will investigate and take proper action.

FINANCE: JEFF WEIS

Mr. Weis reviewed the bank statements for October 2017 and found no issues in the reconciliation process.

Mr. Weis requested information regarding the payroll adjustment that was recommended during the recent financial audit. Mr. Veeneman will research the issue and provide detailed information to the Council.

TREE BOARD:

Ms. Mary Mattingly, a Tree Board volunteer attended the meeting and reported that the fall tree planting has been completed.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

Laura Kinney who resides on Woodward Drive attended and is in favor of speed humps addressed in the engineer’s report.

Jim and Heather Osborne who reside on Woodward Drive attended and are also in favor of speed humps addressed in the engineer’s report.

A resident of Cambridge attended for the purpose of the zoning change at McMahan Blvd. and Browns Lane.

Sam Plymale who resides on Mount Vernon Road attended and would like to see an improvement in the street lighting. He has volunteered to conduct a door-to-door survey to see if other residents have concerns or recommendation. Mr. Schweickhardt will contact LG&E to see if there are other styles of lamps and lenses for the street lights.

Tony Hall, representing Oxmoor Country Club, attended and discussed membership opportunities for area residents. Mr. Hall stated that the current lease expires in 2025 and he wants to ensure that the club is in strong financial shape so the land does not get sold and developed. The club will also discuss placing an ad in the city newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Walsh Brothers cleared the vegetation along the sound barrier wall and recommended completing this task at least two times per year.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mr. Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weis, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 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	12	12	100%
Talbott Allen	12	11	92%
Bob Graves	12	11	92%
Louie Schweickhardt	12	11	92%
Eric Shackelford	12	8	67%
Jeff Weis	12	11	92%
Frank Wheatley	12	11	92%
Cheryl Willett	12	11	92%



TREE CITY USA

BRANCHING OUT

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays! We're all counting down to a new year, so from the St. Regis Park Tree Board, with pride, here is our own special 3-2-1 countdown!

3—The number of years we have been protecting and augmenting our tree canopy!

2—The number of years we have been designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation! (Year three application has been submitted.)

1—One proud tree board, one forward-thinking mayor and council, and one engaged and fabulous citizenry! Thank you all.

In the first three years of our existence, we have planted 222 trees! We have reimbursed for the maintenance of trees for over 60 households, and we have contributed to the cost of the removal of 7-10 dead trees. Per capita, we spend more money on trees than any other Tree City in Kentucky, and possibly, in the whole country! These are real and tangible accomplishments that other cities are emulating. We have consulted with a number of very fine small cities in our area who want to use us as their model for growth and maintenance of tree canopies.

And so, for 2018, it's your turn. Once again, we are posting the information on **how to apply for a new tree for Spring 2018**, and **how to apply for maintenance reimbursement**. We hope you will take advantage and make 2018 another "tree-mendous" one for the City of St. Regis Park!

With gratitude, **Your Tree Board and Arborist -- Jane, Joe, Mary and Cindi**

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. Check out whether other providers qualify before you contract with them.

LIMB WALKER TREE SERVICE

502-634-0400

BOB RAY COMPANY

502-425-7654

GREENHAVEN TREE CARE

502-244-8770

TREE CARE OF LOUISVILLE

502-265-5535

PHELPS TREE SERVICE

502-239-1323

DANKA TREE SERVICE

502-797-7003

ABUNDANT TREE CARE SERVICES

502-297-1578

BLANKENSHIP TREE SERVICE

502-639-9728

GARRY MARCELL (MARCELL TREE SERVICE)

502-245-TREE (8733)

Tree Planting Request

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.
layer of mulch over the root zone and that the mulch is kept from touching the trunk.

(Sign below and submit by scan or digital photo to msmattingly@outlook.com or mail to St. Regis Tree Board PO Box 20429 Louisville KY 40250-0429)

_____	_____
Print Name	Address
_____	_____
Phone number	Date
_____	_____
Signature	Email

Tree Maintenance Request

As a resident of St. Regis Park, I agree to give the City of St. Regis Park (and its agents) permission to enter my premises for the purpose of evaluating the condition of my tree(s) and release them from liability for same.

I understand that the city's arborist will determine what work should be done to properly maintain my tree(s) so that I can become eligible for the city's tree maintenance reimbursement program. Sign below and submit by scan or digital photo to msmattingly@outlook.com or mail to St. Regis Tree Board PO Box 20429 Louisville KY 40250-0429. Briefly describe what you think needs to be done—limb up oak in front yard, evaluate maple in back yard, etc..

_____	_____
Print Name	Address
_____	_____
Phone Number	Date
_____	_____
Signature	Email

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 inches of mulch.



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Small City Activity Sheet

City: **St. Regis Park**

Month/Year:

Nov 2017

Traffic Stops:	DSS	Speeding	RD	Other	Arrests	Warnings	Citations
Location:							
Woodmont/Lincoln	1					1	
Lynnbrook/Aintree							
Foxy Poise/Lynnbrook	1					1	
Woodmont/Mt. Vernon							
Dannywood/Browns		1					1
Browns/Lincoln		1					1
4600 Block Lincoln	1					1	
Browns/Brookhaven		2					2
Rockwood							
Dannywood/Woodmont	2					1	1
Statton/Woodmont	1					1	
Woodmont/St Regis	2						2
St Regis Ln							
Browns/Lowe							
Mt. Vernon	1	1				2	
Total:	9	5	0	0	0	7	7
YTD Total:	103	142	7	91	0	194	149
Resident:	6	1				7	
Non-Resident:	3	4					7
YTD- Resident	62	49	1	25	0	127	10
YTD-Non-Resident	41	93	6	66	0	67	139
TOTAL:	103	142	7	91	0	194	149

Suspicious person/vehicles/other activity:

Suspicious Vehicle - (3 ytd)
 Stranded Motorist - (1 ytd)
 Council Meeting - 1
 House Watch - (49 ytd)

Suspicious Person - (5 ytd)
 Foot Patrol -
 Resident Contact - 1 (15 ytd)
 Trespassing - (ytd)

Officer Assist - (12 ytd)
 Business Check - 35 (414 ytd)
 Alarm - (ytd)
 Monitor Bus Stop - (5 ytd)



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 491-4745 – Non-Emergency

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 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
 Jason Lewis, Citation Officer – 836-4535

CITY NUMBERS

St. Regis Park City Hall – 654-8145
 E-Mail – stregispark@gmail.com
 Website – www.stregispark.net
 Facebook – St. Regis Park, Kentucky
 Rumpke Waste Removal – 568-3800

ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

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