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CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK NEWSLETTER June 2024



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Greetings residents and happy June to you all. The neighborhood is now in full bloom and so many yards are really looking great. I want to say thanks to all who put in the effort to maintain their property. This is what keeps our property value higher than similar surrounding communities. St Regis remains a great place to live and raise families because of your hard work.

With property value in mind, I realize many of you have received higher than expected tax increases due to the recent Jefferson County property valuation assessments. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do as a city to combat this, but I hope some of you did appeal by the May 20th deadline. Property owners over 65 and those with disabilities can apply for a \$46,350 Homestead Exemption on the PVA's website, jeffersonpva.ky.gov. There's both an online form and a printable form on the "Forms & Tools" section of the website. Area Social Security offices and local government centers should have the form, as well.

The annual budget for 2024-2025 was discussed at our May council meeting. Projected revenues and expenditures are holding steady from the 2023-2024 results, so few changes were needed. I'm happy to report that the city council deemed a tax increase unnecessary given the performance of our investments over the past year and the outcome of our budget.

In fact, a motion was approved that lowers the tax rate to \$.076/\$100 of value from \$.095/\$100 of value. The new rate will keep the total amount that homeowners pay consistent with last year. So, even though your assessment may have gone up 25% to 30%, your 2024 St. Regis Park Property Taxes should remain close to the same amount that you paid in 2023.

A resident from Woodward Drive attended the May meeting requesting permission to hold a block party on Sunday June 23rd from 1:00pm to 8:00pm. The requested area consists of Woodward Dr. between the intersection of Ashfield Lane & Woodward to

the intersection of Woodward & Statton. The party was approved by the city council. During this time, through traffic will be diverted around the Statton/Milburn loop. Residents living on Woodward will be able to come and go as usual, emergency vehicles will enter and exit unimpeded. I personally applaud their efforts to foster relationships with neighbors and hope those attending have a great time.

If anyone is interested in helping place 4th of July flags this year please call or text me at (502) 823-9875 or email to louieschweickhardt@stregispark.net. Children typically enjoy this and could also provide community service hours for some.

Finally, our June monthly council meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 27th @ 7:00pm at Ascension School Cafeteria due to several planned vacations during our regular meeting time. We look forward to seeing you, if you can attend.

Sincerely,

Louie Schweickhardt

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sun June 16

Father's Day

Wed June 19

City Council Meeting Postponed!

It will be June 27 at Ascension School Cafeteria

Thu June 20

Summer Solstice

Sun June 23
1 PM - 8 PM

Woodward Drive Block Party!

No Through Traffic on Woodward
Emergency Vehicles Only

Thu June 27
7 PM

City Council Meeting

Ascension School Cafeteria
4600 Lynnbrook Drive

Thu July 4

Independence Day

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

May 15, 2024

Following are the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 City Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:00 p.m. at Jeffersontown Fire Station #2.

PRESENT

Mayor: Louie Schweickhardt (via phone)
Council Members: John Amback, Laura Krebs Lewis (via phone), Cheryl Willett, Matt Sanderfer, Craig Theis, Jeff Weis
City Clerk: Bill Hodapp
City Attorney: John Singler
Citation Officer: Jason Lewis
City Accountant: Charlie Veeneman

ABSENT

Eric Shackelford

Mr. Amback made a motion to approve Ms. Willett as Mayor Pro-tem for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Theis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Theis made a motion to approve the April 2024 financials. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Amback made a motion to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Sanderfer made a motion to approve that the 2023-2024 financial be performed by Cobb and Associates for a cost not-to-exceed \$7,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Weis made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 1, 2024-2025, setting an ad valorem tax rate of \$.076/100 and a sanitation rate of \$335.45/household. The motion was seconded by Mr. Theis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Sanderfer made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2, 2024-2025, an ordinance establishing the budget for FY24-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Theis, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Sanderfer made a motion to approve a block party on Woodward Drive on Sunday June 23, 2024 from 1 - 8 PM. A section of the road will be closed to traffic during the party. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willett, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Amback made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanderfer, and it passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by Bill Hodapp, City Clerk
Approved:

Louie Schweickhardt, Mayor

2024 City Council Meeting Attendance			
Name	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	YTD%
Mayor Louie Schweickhardt	5	5	100%
Cheryl Willett	5	5	100%
Eric Shackelford	5	3	60%
Jeff Weis	5	4	80%
John Amback	5	5	100%
Craig Theis	5	4	80%
Matt Sanderfer	5	5	100%
Laura Krebs Lewis	5	5	100%

The City has “No Parking” signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call Mayor Louie Schweickhardt at 823-9875 for information regarding the use of these signs.

St. Regis Park - Homes Sold in 2024		
Address	Price	Date Sold
4320 Dannywood Road	\$393,000	April 22, 2024
4304 Lincoln Road	\$210,000	April 11, 2024
4608 Stormon Court	\$342,500	April 5, 2024
2508 Aintree Way	\$420,000	March 21, 2024
2819 Browns Lane	\$293,500	March 13, 2024
4313 Lincoln Road	\$299,000	March 8, 2024
4416 Lincoln Road	\$280,000	March 8, 2024

St. Regis Park - Citation Officer's Report			
Violation	Ordinance	April	YTD
Grass over 9 inches high or on curb	92.03 (A)	9	43
Prohibited golf cart/recreational vehicle on city street	71.03	2	17
Animal noise disturbance	90.03		3
Accumulation of tree/waste debris	92.03 (H, I, J)	2	26
Property Maintenance issues	150.16		25
Parking facing traffic, 24+hrs, or in grass	70.01	6	62
Trash / Recycle / Yard waste bins still at curb outside of ordinance	50.01 (B)	2	22
P.O.D.'s in driveway past allowed 20 days	150.41 (A)		
Dumpster in driveway past allowed 20 days	50.16 (A)		3
Inoperable vehicle stored on property	92.03 (K)	2	23
Recreational Vehicles improperly parked on property	70.07	1	5
Illegal door-to-door sales	112.01	2	5
Construction without a Letter of Compliance	150.16 (A)	1	5
Notice of Violation with fine issued	various	4	6

St. Regis Park - Police Activity Report				
Location	Action	Violation	Date	Time
Lincoln Rd	Cited	SS	04/22/24	7:09 PM
Statton Rd	Cited	SS	04/22/24	7:32 PM
Dannywood Rd	Cited	SS	04/23/24	3:19 PM
Mt Vernon Rd	Cited	SS	04/23/24	3:44 PM
Lincoln Rd	Cited	SS	04/27/24	6:54 PM
Woodward Dr	Cited	SS	04/27/24	7:04 PM
Mt Vernon Rd	Cited	SS	04/28/24	7:01 PM
Mt Vernon Rd	Cited	SS	04/28/24	7:12 PM
Mt Vernon Rd	Cited	SS	04/30/24	11:34 AM
Statton Rd	Cited	SS	04/30/24	11:45 PM

MV - Moving Violation - Careless Driving
 MV - Moving Violation - Failure to Signal
 MV - Moving Violation - Registration

SS - Stop Sign
 S - Speeding
 RD - Reckless Driving

M - Mechanical
 A - Arrest
 O - Other

Did You Know?

90.01 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ABANDON. *Abandonment shall constitute the relinquishment of all rights and claims by the owner to the animal. (KRS 257.100(4))*

AT LARGE. *Off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or his agent either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.*

OWNER. *Every person having a right of property to an animal and every person who keeps or harbors an animal, has it in his care, or permits it to remain on or about the premises owned or occupied by him.*

90.02 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

(A) *No person who is the owner of any animal shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon or enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure.*

(B) *The owner of an animal who permits it to run at large in violation of this section is liable for all damages caused by the animal upon the premises of another.*

90.03 NOISE DISTURBANCE

No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the city which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling, or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of one or more of the inhabitants of two or more separate residences. Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged, or fed within any dwelling, yard, or enclosure which he occupies or owns shall be considered as harboring the dog.

90.06 REMOVING AND DISCARDING ANIMAL WASTE

(A) It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of a dog, cat or any other animal to permit the animal to be on public property, or any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of the animal without the permission of the owner of the property, or on any streets, sidewalks or rights-of-way in the city, without the owner or person in charge of the animals to have in his or her possession, a suitable device for the picking up, collection and proper sanitary disposal of the animal feces or manure.

(B) It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in charge of a dog, cat or any other animal to permit or allow the animal to excrete manure or feces on public property, or on any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of the animal without the permission of the owner of the property, or on any streets, sidewalks or rights-of-way in the city, unless the owner or person in control of the animal immediately removes all feces deposited by the animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner.

For a detailed listing of all St Regis Park ordinances, please visit the city's website at: www.stregispark.net Then click on "Ordinances" at the top of the page.





Upper Highlands Swim Club is seeking your support in our **2024 Friends of Upper Highlands** Capital Campaign.

UHSC has provided a summertime oasis since 1964. Together, our goal is to allow UHSC to help create core memories for generations to come. As a member you are aware of the memories: fun times with friends, relaxing days by the pool, the joy of seeing your child jump off the diving board for the first time or cheering on your kiddo during a swim meet....so many memories and your kids likely have more.

We have been dealing with significant facility upgrades needed to improve your UHSC experience, safety and overall pool mechanism sustainability.

Spring 2024 highlights have us working on providing improved/accessible bathroom facilities, overall safety in our structure including roofing needs and guard stands, as well as continued work on the pool operational systems by putting in a new pump and updating electric feeds.

We are offering varying levels of support to become a **2024 Friend of Upper Highlands**. We ask you to review our levels and see how you can help us support the significant improvements and keep UHSC moving forward.

Stingray Sponsor - \$1,000

*limited options available

- Reserved premiere parking spot for 1 season
- Identified on the UHSC website as a Stingray Sponsor during the 2024 season and three "Stingray Shoutouts" on social media and membership emails throughout the season
- Four UHSC reusable tumblers (complimentary fountain drinks all summer)
- Four limited edition Upper Highlands Swim Club T-Shirts

Dolphin Sponsor - \$500

- One "Stingray Shoutout" during the 2024 season on social media and membership email
- Two UHSC reusable tumblers (complimentary fountain drinks all summer)
- Two limited edition Upper Highlands Swim Club T-Shirts

Turtle Sponsor - \$250

- Two limited edition Upper Highlands Swim Club T-Shirts
- One UHSC reusable tumbler (complimentary fountain drinks all summer)

Starfish Sponsor - \$100

- One limited edition Upper Highlands Swim Club T-Shirt

Additional Opportunities Continued...

Send checks to: UHSC, PO Box 20234, Louisville, KY 40250

Venmo: @SwimUpperHighlands

QUESTIONS??? Email us at SwimUpperHighlands@gmail.com



Cabana Funday Rental

Looking to host a party or simply want a covered area for the day? For \$100, our cabana is now available for rent, which includes a table of six. First come first serve basis, blackout dates apply.

4th of July Firecracker

- \$1,500
- Branded on all social media posts as the premier sponsor of the 4th of July Bash.
- Recognition at Event
- VIP Parking for 2 vehicles
- Cabana reserved for the day
- (4) reserved lounge chairs
- Opportunity to have a booth at the event to hand out giveaways or talk to the crowd

Barracuda Banner Sponsorship

- Allows a 3x6 banner to be hung and prominently featured on the perimeter of our pool for the season. *space limited

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BRANCHING OUT

School's Out... but St. Regis Park Tree School is In Session! Now ten years old, our tree board would like to update new and longtime residents about what the tree board is, why we exist, and how we envision our future.

On January 7, 2014, St. Regis Park established, by ordinance, a Tree Board. Due to the vision of then-mayor Brandt Davis and the city council, the process of maintaining and expanding our current tree canopy began, and the tree board's efforts have been supported by every subsequent council and mayor. We are most grateful.

Looking back on our first ten years, we wanted to evaluate whether we should make any changes to our tree planting policy. To accomplish this, we began with our original values, vision, and mission. The following was our seminal vision and mission statement, created in late 2014 by original tree board members Jane Ecker, Joe Hinkle, and Mary Mattingly, based on the values statement created in our tree ordinance.

St. Regis Park Tree Board—Vision, Mission, and Strategies

Values of the City of St. Regis Park

The city values trees as an important natural resource

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

The city values well-selected and maintained trees to contribute to property values and decreased energy costs

Therefore, the City of St. Regis Park establishes a Tree Board.

Vision Statement of the St. Regis Park Tree Board:

Our vision is a city that has an appropriately full and healthy tree canopy.

Mission Statement of the St. Regis Park Tree Board:

The Tree Board and its city arborist support the mayor and city council in providing information, education, and incentives for developing a healthy tree canopy by maintaining existing trees and planting new ones.

As the current tree board and consulting arborist, Cindi Sullivan, look back on our efforts, we are pleased with the addition of approximately 400 new trees since 2015. Early trees planted were almost exclusively large canopy trees. As we built enthusiasm for planting new trees, citizens began to request smaller, more ornamental trees, even arborvitae. In our enthusiasm for the citizens' enthusiasm, we fulfilled many of these requests, During 2020-2022, we were receiving more requests for ornamentals than canopy trees.

While ornamental trees clearly have both aesthetic and environmental value, thereby enhancing the value of all homes in the city, the board wanted to look back at our mission statement and determine whether our current policies were consistent with our original mission.

Since our mission is to “support the mayor and city council in providing information, education, and incentives for developing a healthy tree canopy by maintaining existing trees and planting new ones,” we believe our focus should primarily be on large canopy trees. Law Insider defines a canopy tree as “a tree that normally grows to a mature height of 40 or more feet.” A tree canopy is defined by the Arbor Day Foundation as “the layer of leaves, branches, and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above.” Obviously, the taller and wider the tree, the more it contributes to a shaded city and a healthy tree canopy. Ornamental trees certainly contribute to a healthy tree canopy, but they are not the most important component.

So given that background, the tree board asked the city council whether they thought we should be providing only canopy trees and perhaps splitting the cost of ornamental trees. The council gave us a big vote of confidence in declaring that they wanted us to make that policy decision.

So, using our hearts as well as our heads, we have decided to continue to take requests for ornamentals, at least for the coming year or so. Please keep in mind that we can not always fulfill your very specific tree variety requests. We will do our best to provide trees that are available and appropriate for our region, and that fill the need for us to have variety in our tree species so no disease or weather condition can deplete too many of our trees.

We do, however, also want to remind everyone that our primary mission is to plant canopy trees. In what is fast becoming a world of three warm-to-hot seasons each year, you might want to give some thought to adding canopy trees to your yard, along with perhaps an ornamental for interest.

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

PS—The tree portion of the SRP website is unavailable. We hope to be able to re-instate it with useful information for our citizens in the next year! Meanwhile, here is the contact information for tree board members. Reach out to us for information on new trees, maintenance of old trees, or to offer to help us!

Sincerely,
Your Tree Board

Joe Hinkle—Tree Maintenance
joerunjoe@gmail.com

Susan Messerschmidt—New tree requests
Smesserschmidt4313@gmail.com
502-454-4912 (Landline)

Mary Mattingly—Newsletter and
general inquiries
msmattingly@outlook.com
502-459-9047 (Landline)
502-939-1781 (Cell—texting preferred)

Cindi Sullivan
Consulting Arborist
(Contact through a tree board member)

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267-7300 – Non-Emergency

Jefferson County Animal Control - 333-9072 - Non-Emergency

ST. REGIS PARK CITY COUNCIL

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Matt Sanderfer, Building Permits – 905-0233

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Eric Shackelford, Public Works – 299-9859

Jeff Weis, Finance – 548-0522

Craig Theis, Reach Alert/Communications – 553-6107

Cheryl Willett, Public Safety – 458-8386

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Jason Lewis, Citation Officer - 836-4535

CITY NUMBERS

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Website – www.stregispark.net

Facebook – St. Regis Park, Kentucky

Rumpke Waste Removal – 800-828-8171

ST. REGIS PARK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month,

7:00 PM, Jeffersontown Fire Station #2

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