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**Westport Road:
Light at the end
of the tunnel?**



Only if you squint

Also:

Rumpke awarded trash contract

A walk in the parks

Horse added to herd

Retiring officers honored for long service to city police

Two veteran officers in the St. Matthews Police Department were honored at a recent city council meeting for long and faithful service to the city. Mayor Bowling and Police Chief Col. Norm Mayer presented plaques to Officer Ted George, who served the department for 17 years, and Detective Beverly Brinley, who retired after 22 years with the SMPD. Meanwhile, in bottom photo, City Attorney Foster Haunz swore in Andrew Holden, who joined the force recently with nine years of experience with the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Jefferson County PD. He's assigned to late watch patrol.



Rumpke wins 3-year trash-hauling contract; for residents, nothing at all will change

As of July 1, Rumpke of Kentucky will take over as garbage hauler for St. Matthews.

The city council last month voted to award a three-year contract to Rumpke rather than renew its contract with Waste Management.

Mayor Bernard Bowling Jr. and council members said the decision was strictly financial and reflects no unhappiness with Waste Manage-

ment's service.

They said the city will save at least \$400,000 over the three years.

Officials said residents will not notice any differences in service. Routines will be the same as now for collections of trash, yard waste and recycled items.

For details, dial 638-4789 to use the Call St. Matthews system or visit www.stmatthews.org.

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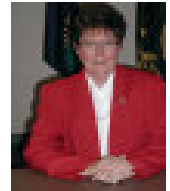
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Mayor Bernard Bowling Jr.

Motorists who depend on Westport Road in the near future may encounter what they've seen for months – dirt, heavy machinery and stalled traffic.

The latest traffic issue is the Westport Road Transmission Water Main Project. From mid-June through mid-August, while the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is assessing the project, at least one lane of Westport will be open when possible, but both could be closed for short periods. When EPA is finished, MAC Construction & Excavating Inc. will begin installing a new water main and hydrants along Westport between Chenoweth Lane and Ridgeway Avenue; on Lyndon Way between Ridgeway and Thierman Lane; and on Thierman between Lyndon Way and Westport. To receive notice of project-related closures, call Jennifer Osborne at the Metro Council District 7 office at 574-1107 or JenniferOsborne@louisvilleky.gov.

The rebuilding of the Target store on Westport Road is scheduled to be completed in October in advance of the Christmas shopping season.

Of course, the widening of Westport Road and construction of a \$47 million interchange at I-264 continues. The contractor expects the interchange to be finished “by the end of the year.”

Westport projects: Trials of patience

Courier litter stirs ire again

St. Matthews has advised *The Courier-Journal* that the newspaper's way of distributing plastic and paper advertising materials is “simply not acceptable,” and it is appearing in such volume that “there is fear of blocking the storm sewers.” A lawyer for the paper, while arguing that the C-J is exercising its First Amendment rights, said it has made “additional efforts” to clean up the litter since St. Matthews complained a year ago, and “if there is a problem, we need to know where and when” so the C-J “can address that specific situation.” To report a situation or put your name on a “do not litter” list, phone 582-4011, then 0, and ask for the circulation department. Metro government is also working on an ordinance to control how the green plastic bags are distributed.

Taxes could be going awry

Make sure St. Matthews gets its share of your insurance taxes. The tax code “1616” is on all policies on which St. Matthews gets a portion of the state tax. Policies are coded by Zip code, and people in some St. Matthews Zips may be paying Louisville (0031) or Lyndon (0252). All money paid wrongly can be recovered retroactively. But there's a catch: The code numbers aren't on your copies of the policies; you'll have to call your agent to check.

Old park sparkles with new amenities

St. Matthews Community Park on Ten Pin Lane is a much-improved version of its old self this summer as Little League baseball returns amid \$100,000 worth of improvements. Included are resurfaced baseball diamonds, a new softball diamond, new facilities for handicapped children, new public address facilities, a new, larger concession stand, better fencing, an improved walking path and added parking spaces. (See photos, pages 4 and 5.)

'Art horse' is festive welcome to park

The city's new Gallopalooza horse – a high-stepping standardbred recently ensconced in Draut Park on Bowling Boulevard – is the work of Cean Martine Rosenthal, a St. Matthews resident and a fine arts graduate of Indiana University. The base color of the horse is yellow, and plastered on its body is a map of the area and vintage photos of St. Matthews landmarks, approximately where they belong on the map. Cean, the wife of Mark Rosenthal, is a printmaker and a believer in community and public art. She said she wanted her horse to be “bright and cheerful and festive.” (See photo, page 5.) To view more of Rosenthal's work, visit www.CeanMartine.com.

Farmers' market is place to get fresh

St. Matthews Farmers' Market at Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Road, opened for its third season last month. It's the place to buy fresh, locally-grown produce every Saturday from 8 till noon from now through Sept. 26. The prices are reasonable and the just-harvested foods are displayed in shaded tents. Go local, go early, go healthy.



Dick Farmer, commissioner of the St. Matthews Little League's Major Division, called a recent game between the White Sox and Cardinals.

Lance (left) and Danny Patterson played with trucks near the concession stand where their dad, Daniel Patterson, was working.



A walk in the parks



Above, Diane Davis enjoyed a swing session with granddaughter Ella Davis, 2. Left, the Cardinals' Klayton Grimes tried a different sort of swing.



Trevor Watkins, 3, got in a little batting practice between innings at Community Park with the help of Cooper Manuel, 11. Watkins' mother, Teresa, lives on Merryman Drive.

Aaron Rogers and Rachel White checked out a new Gallopalooza horse that has high-stepped into Draut Park on Bowling Boulevard.



Holzheimer Park, part of the "Heart of St. Matthews" project, was dedicated May 6. The park, at Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane, is named for Henry Holzheimer, an early settler in the area (1871). Holzheimer's daughter-in-law, Bonna Holzheimer, 94, attended the ceremony.