
Strathmoor Village Voice

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Strathmoor Village Police Chief Joe Renzi Nominated for Award

Our very own Police Chief, Joe Renzi, was nominated for the 2017 Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) City Employee of the Year Award. There are over 20,000 city employees throughout Kentucky, so this nomination is quite an honor. Unfortunately, Chief Joe was not selected as the overall winner this year, in part, due to the outstanding pool of award nominees submitted.

Chief Joe's nomination noted that he exemplifies the criteria for this award by demonstrating: Innovation, Leadership and Commitment to Public Service, Excellence on the Job and Professionalism, Friendliness and Customer service, Organization and Skill. Ultimately, a panel of impartial judges selected two (2) winners this year; Simpsonville City Administrator David Eaton and Georgetown City Attorney/Chief of Staff Andrew Hartley.

When you see Chief Joe around this Holiday Season; Give him a Congrats for the Nomination !!

2015 Property Tax Overage Noted for City of Strathmoor Village KY

In 2013, the City Commissioners for Strathmoor Village adopted a tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100.00 of assessed property valuation. That tax rate has remained unchanged since 2013.

In 2015, the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) raised the assessed valuation of some properties throughout the City. Even though the City's tax rate remained unchanged, the increase in the overall assessed valuation of properties resulted in the City collecting more money in property tax revenue in 2015 than budgeted/anticipated. This overage was more than ordinarily permitted by State statute. Under state law, the City Commission should have reduced the tax rate for 2015 to compensate for this increase in property values or held a hearing to determine if the increased tax revenue was needed. The City did not reduce the tax rate and failed to hold a public hearing.

The 2015 overcharge amounted to approximately \$11,500 for the entire city. These monies were included in the City's budget for 2015 and used for ordinary governmental purposes. The City is preparing procedures to prevent this oversight from happening again. Residents are encouraged to attend the Meeting of Commissioners scheduled for January 8, 2018 if they have any additional questions.

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Back by popular demand, there is a contest this year for the best Holiday Decorated House. Our good friends @ Republic Bank will be providing a \$50.00 Kroger gift card to the winner of this contest. Check our city website, www.cityofstrathmoorvillage.com for more information regarding judging, day of judging, etc. For now...Just be getting those decorations out, checking the lights and verifying insurance coverage for when you fall off of the ladder...all that fun stuff !!

Procedures for Handling Construction/Building Permits

The City of Strathmoor Village has ordinances in place which require prior approval from the City Commission before undertaking construction projects on your property. This approval is **IN ADDITION** to the permit procedures that are required by Metro Louisville. Approval by Metro Louisville for your building permit **DOES NOT** equate to an automatic approval from Strathmoor Village. In some cases, our ordinances are more restrictive than Louisville Metro. Louisville Metro typically advises us when a permit has been issued and moving forward, we will be reminding the homeowner of our policies via the following letter:

Dear Homeowner,

We recently received notification from Louisville Metro of an approval for a building permit for the property located at _____ . Before beginning your project you must also obtain a building permit from the City of Strathmoor Village. Failure to do so will result in a Stop Notice for your project and possible delays.

To obtain a building permit please present your building plans, location of the project in relation to other structures on your and adjacent properties and any design specifics at the City of Strathmoor Village's monthly city meeting. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at the Strathmoor Village branch of Mainsource Bank.

Once approved, a \$1000 bond (check) must be provided to the City of Strathmoor Village. You may request a refund of the bond once work is completed and the city can verify the work was done as presented and the sidewalks and easements are in similar or better condition as the time the building permit was requested.

If you have any questions, please call us 502-276-5440, email us at commissioners@cityofstrathmoorvillage.com or visit our monthly meeting.

Sincerely,

Jay Bowman, Mayor

City of Strathmoor Village

The reasons for this Strathmoor Village approval is twofold. First, we want to make sure that the project fits within the existing neighborhood environment. Second, we want to insure the conditions of the City's Sidewalks, Streets, Lights, Signs, Easements, etc. are protected. These items are frequently damaged by large equipment during construction and the City just wants to make sure that a remedy is in place.

"Stop Orders" are costly; Don't let that happen to you; Get your City of Strathmoor Village approval before, simultaneously, or immediately after your Louisville Metro approval. Feel free to contact one of the City commissioners if you have further questions.

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Holiday Crime Prevention Tips—by Chief Joe Renzi

Park (and Walk) in Well-Lit Areas: Be aware of your surroundings, especially the people around you. Have your car key in your hand before you leave the store so you can better concentrate on your surroundings in the parking lot and not put yourself in jeopardy.

Carry A Cell Phone With You: If someone makes you suspicious or uncomfortable, call the police or notify the shopping center's security officer.

Carry Your Valuables Wisely: Do not keep cash in your wallet. Keep it in an inside pocket. Take only the credit cards you will need. Carry your purse close to you, with the opening towards your body. Never leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart. Do not keep a wallet, credit cards or cash in a backpack. If you are in a crowd, consider carrying the backpack in front of you.

Protect Your Credit Card And Personal Identification: Carefully dispose of receipts that have a credit card number on them. Never provide credit card information in response to unsolicited phone calls or emails.

Don't Leave Valuables In Your Vehicle: If you ***MUST*** leave packages in your vehicle, keep them in the trunk. Do not leave the receipts with the packages, keep them with you.

Don't Advertise Your Purchases After The Holidays: Break down the boxes of your expensive purchases and turn them inside out before putting them in the garbage or leaving them at the easement.

If You're Going To Be Away From Home: Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail and newspapers or have these services stopped temporarily while you're away. Use timers to turn lights on and off. **Notify the Strathmoor Police at 432-8900 and let them know you will be gone.** They will check your house each day while you're away.

Do's and Don'ts When Paying City of Strathmoor Village Taxes

As the City of Strathmoor Village is heading into another property tax season; Here are some reminders worth repeating.

Tip #1—Do pay your taxes by February 28th of each year to get the discount rate. Nothing wrong with saving some \$\$.

Tip #2—Mail your tax payment to the City's PO Box Address: PO Box 5253; Louisville KY 40255. Remember, the post mark date will be the **ONLY** date used when recording receipt of payment.

Tip #3—If you would like a receipt; Include a Self Addressed Stamp Envelope with your payment.

Tip #4—If your mailing address changes: Make sure you update that record with the PVA.

Tip #5—DON'T drop off your payment @ either Mainsource Bank or Republic Bank; They will not know what to do with them which will delay credit of your tax payment. Seriously...Don't do this; It does create problem !!

Tip #6—If you intend to take advantage of the discounted amount; Make sure payment is post marked by February 28th.

Tip #7—Tax payments will **ONLY** be processed when mailed to our PO Box. City officials have been instructed to longer accept payments in person.

Tip #8—If your bank is paying via an escrow account; Make sure they have our correct mailing information as well.

A Plea from Our Friends @ Farmington Plantation House

A request from the Farmington Board of Regents...

Noted for its history and architecture, Farmington Historic Plantation brings our community together to celebrate, reflect, and educate. Preservation of the plantation site is a challenge but our dedicated staff and volunteers, and an eager Board of Regents, work to ensure the buildings, grounds and history they hold will endure for future generations.

It has been a busy year for site improvements. Major restoration was completed on the front porch of the museum house. As a result, the gracious porch will endure to welcome visitors for decades to come. Windows and shutters have been given a fresh coat of paint. Market lights have been added to the Brand Pavilion creating an even more festive atmosphere. Tools and equipment which were stolen from one of our outbuildings earlier this year have been replaced. This was accomplished through the generous support of people like you who are friends of Farmington. None of it would have been possible without you.

It has been an exciting year full of activities. We leveraged the use of our new pavilion to enhance the comfort and convenience of public events. We used it to recognize local renowned artist Ed Hamilton at our annual "Evening in the Garden" dinner, took advantage of the shade it offered during our "Summer Jazz" event and danced beneath it to German music during our "Oktoberfest" celebration. A complete schedule of events planned for 2018 is included in this letter. Please consider attending one or more as a fun way to support one of the most unique and significant historical sites in your community.

The bottom line is that we do need your help and support. We are working diligently and much has been accomplished this past year. But much more still needs to be done. Roofs need to be replaced, paint spread and gardens tended. New educational, historic and community outreach programs are planned. None of this will be possible without your support.

Farmington is a donor sustained 501c3 nonprofit and we rely on donors like you to help preserve our history. Please consider contributing to this Annual Appeal to support Farmington.

For more information about Farmington and their Annual Drive; Please use the following address to their website: **<http://farmingtonhistoricplantation.org/donations>**

Snow Removal Procedures

No snow as of yet, but we do have some in the forecast for the next couple of weeks, so now for a couple of facts regarding snow removal. As many of you may recall from previous years, the City of Strathmoor Village has contracted snow removal within our city whenever we have a measureable snowfall which might impede street traffic. We did not have to use this service last year; Let's keep our fingers crossed for this year too !! Sorry kids...

For snow removal outside of the City of Strathmoor Village limits; that falls into the hands of Metro Louisville. More information on their plan can be found @ www.louisvilleky.gov; Key word 'snow'. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1) There will be a **Snow Status Map** posted on their website where you can track the snow crews' progress in a particular area. Great thing to check before heading out the door for work, school, church, etc.

2) For you social media fans; Follow @LouSnowPlow on twitter or 'like' the Metro Public Works page on Facebook to get snow crews' updates.

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