

Strathmoor Manorisms

April 2015

Welcome Spring!

Whew – that was a long, cold, snowy winter to which we are all probably happy to say goodbye! Spring has arrived with sunshine and warmer temperatures, and the Manor looks wonderful with flowers and trees in colorful bloom!

Manor City Taxes

It's that time of year again - property tax bills for The City of Strathmoor Manor will be mailed in May reflecting the recently passed 2015 tax rate of .32 per \$100 of value. The ordinance is found elsewhere in this issue. If you have questions regarding your Manor property taxes, please contact city bookkeeper, Pat Colgate, at (502) 451-9800. Please mail tax payments to:

City of Strathmoor Manor
PO Box 5459
Louisville, KY 40255-0459

Tree News

Green Haven will be at work in the Manor over the next few weeks, trimming trees as well as cutting down several dead trees. Several new trees will be planted in September or October.

Waste Management Update

CHANGES TO YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Regular Plastic Bags Not Allowed after January 1 for Yard Waste

A YARD WASTE container regulation (51.507R), clarifying collection procedures, was adopted last year by the Louisville – Jefferson County Waste Management District with a January 1, 2015 effective date. **For yard waste, residents must use one of the following containers:**

REUSABLE BINS

PAPER BAGS

COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC (meeting ASTM D6400 standards)

Thank you, Dennis Boyd!

In December, Dennis wrapped up over 20 years of service to the Manor. After serving as a commissioner for a few terms, Dennis served as mayor from 2002-2014. We thank him for his years of service and hope he enjoys now having the 4th Thursday of the month available to pursue other interests! Thank you, Dennis!

Greetings from the new Mayor!

Fine Citizens of Strathmoor Manor,

It has been an exciting first couple of months as Mayor. I have learned a great deal about our City. To start, we have four extremely dedicated, hardworking, individuals serving as Commissioners. I feel honored to serve with them. Take the time to meet them and thank them for their hard work. I have enjoyed meeting neighbors and look forward to meeting more of you.

What is the Commission working on? Lawn maintenance, snow removal, the budget, and trees trees trees. The budget will be the main subject at the upcoming Commissioner meeting. The plan is for the budget to be more detailed in the upcoming year. Keep an eye out for next year's budget in an upcoming issue of "Strathmoor Manorisms".

At recent meetings, the Commission has spent a lot of time discussing the Manor's trees. Our goal is to develop a long-term plan for tree preservation by compiling an inventory and mapping our current trees by location, then identifying which trees need to be removed in the short term, which trees need to be trimmed and where new trees should be planted. Volunteers are needed for this project to help prepare the long-term plan, identify potential funding sources, obtain estimates, and possibly even plant the trees. The trees are one of our City's greatest assets and the work we do now will pay off in the years to come.

Have a complaint? Want something changed? Have another issue? Let me know and be prepared to be a part of the solution. The Manor has four Commissioners and me. There is no staff, department, or employees. We have high hopes that great accomplishments will be made, but we have limited time that we can dedicate to the City. In order to accomplish more, we'll need your help. Please consider volunteering for one of these new project committees:

- Long-Term Tree Plan – as described above
- Drainage Project – document and report on drainage issues to MSD
- Summer Block Party – schedule and plan neighborhood gathering
- Sidewalks - to address the accessibility of the sidewalks and possible improvements

What could be a better use of your time than working with neighbors to improve where you live?

Most importantly, I would like to thank Dennis Boyd for his 20+ years of service as a commissioner and mayor.

I encourage everyone to continue to be good neighbors. Help out a neighbor who needs help, pick up that piece of trash when out for a walk, keep your yard and house clean and maintained, and keep an eye on strangers. Once again, I look forward to serving as your mayor.

Best wishes,

Brian Cobb
Mayor

Contact Information for Strathmoor Manor

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Communications	Kathy Barber	819-3132	kathyebarber@yahoo.com
Maintenance	Kathy Zandona	238-4279	kmzandona@gmail.com
Treasurer	Bob Peterson	749-6331	<u>rpeter8582@gmail.com</u>

www.cityofsthramoormanor.com

Strathmoor Police 432-8900 www.strathmoorvillagepolice.com

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Miscellaneous Info

- Waste Management picks up garbage, recycling and yard waste each Tuesday. They will take one junk item per week from each house.
- Call MSD at 502-587-0603 if you have standing water in your easement or are experiencing a problem with the storm-water drain in your easement.
- Street light out? Report to LG&E at (502) 589-1444
- Is your house number visible during both daylight and darkness? A highly visible house number will assist emergency vehicles, utility company vehicles, other vendors and your guests find your home.
- Join our City of Strathmoor Manor group on Facebook to be part of neighborhood discussions.
- Please be a considerate dog owner and pick up after your pet. Let's keep the Manor clean and safe for summer fun!

AN ORDINANCE regulating use of and construction in public rights of way

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR that

Section 1. No person shall excavate any portion of a public right of way, erect any pole, sign, fence or other object thereon or extending over or under such right of way, or construct any driveway, wall, sidewalk or other improvement of any description thereon, without first having received written permission for excavation, construction or erection from the Commission.

Section 2. Persons seeking such authorization shall submit a written description of the proposed excavation, or improvement to the Commission not less than fifteen (15) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission and such person shall thereafter appear at such meeting to answer any questions which may arise in connection with such request. The Commission may require the filing of formal drawings outlining the scope of the proposed excavation or improvement and may, as a condition of its approval, impose limitations or conditions on such excavation or improvement.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the zoning authority of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, the sole purpose of this Ordinance being to control the use and improvement of publicly dedicated property in the City.

Section 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance shall not apply to excavation, erection or construction undertaken by the Louisville Water Company, the Metropolitan Sewer District or the Louisville Gas and Electric Company in the ordinary course of their operations.

Section 5. Any person undertaking any excavation, erection or construction on a public right of way, with or without written authorization as required by this Ordinance, which results in damage to public streets, sidewalks, signs, public utilities or other lawful improvements on such right of way, shall be responsible for all costs of repair or remediation resulting from such damage.

Section 6. The City may order the removal of any improvement or excavation on a public right of way undertaken or placed there without written authorization as required by this Ordinance.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Enacted this 26th day of February, 2015.

/s/ Brian Cobb
Brian Cobb, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Susan Stopher
City Clerk

First Reading: 1/22/15

Second Reading: 2/26/15

AN ORDINANCE relating to the ad valorem tax rate on real property .

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR that:

Section 1. Section 2.605(a) of the Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

The tax rate on non-exempt real property within the corporate limits of the City of Strathmoor Manor shall be ~~98.20~~ 33 cents per \$100.00 valuation.

Section ~~2~~ Section 2.605(b) of the Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

This ordinance shall take effect with the issuance of the ~~2014~~ 2015 Property Tax Bills of the City based on valuations of real property as of January 1st, ~~2014~~ 2015 by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator.

Enacted this 23rd day of April, 2015.

B. D. [Signature]
Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
City Clerk

First Reading: 3/26/2015

Second Reading: 4/23/2015

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Counsel