

**Strathmoor Manorisms**  
Newsletter of  
The City of Strathmoor Manor  
**Summer 2016**

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**New Manor Ordinances -**

- 2016 Property Tax Rate ordinance – Ordinance Series 2016, Number 4
- 2016 / 2017 Manor Budget – Ordinance Series 2016, Number 5
- Google Fiber project – Ordinance Series 2016, Number 6

*Please find these new ordinances in their entirety later in this newsletter.*

**Manor City Taxes**

The 2016 Manor property tax notices have been mailed and reflect the 2016 tax rate of .32 per \$100 of assessed value. If you or your mortgage company has questions regarding your Manor property taxes, our city bookkeeper, Pat Colgate, is the person to call - (502) 451-9800. Please mail tax payments to:

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

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Manor Bicycle Parade**

Please join us at 10 AM on Monday, July 4, in the park for our annual bicycle parade through the Manor! Popsicles in the park after the parade - yum! *We need a Patriotic Pride Leader for this event – to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a fun, patriotic song to kick off the parade. This could be an individual, family or group of friends. Please email me at [kathyebarber@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyebarber@yahoo.com) if you are interested.*

**Parking and Driving in the Manor**

Parking in the Manor can be challenging. Many homes have short or narrow driveways and many streets in the Manor are narrow as well. Increased on-street parking due to Lakeside Swim Club makes the situation even more challenging in the summer.

Please observe the speed limit and watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists. Protect your property by parking your car in your driveway when possible and locking it – both are a deterrent to crime.

## News from the Forestry Board

Greenhaven will soon be trimming trees in the Manor and there may be a few trees removed. Planting will start in the fall and as always, the Forestry Board plans on replacing any trees that had to be removed plus adding a few new trees around the Manor.

The Forestry Board has 2 remaining meeting dates this year – July 28 and Oct 27. They meet at 6 PM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor community room at the Republic Bank building.

Also, if a tree was planted in your easement within the last 2 years, please take a few minutes to read the article “Watering Newly Planted Trees” later in the newsletter.

## Trash Collection Schedule

Waste Management picks up trash, recycle and yard waste on Tuesday each week. One junk item per week can also be set out for pick up each Tuesday. Yard waste must be set out in reusable bins, paper bags or compostable plastic bags.

## Highlands Happenings

*Every Saturday from 10 AM-2 PM* – the Douglass Loop Farmers’ Market is now open for the season! Find the market in the shaded parking lot of Douglass Blvd Christian Church at the corner of Bardstown Road and Douglass Blvd.

*Sunday evenings thru August 7* – the Cherokee Triangle Concert Series in Willow Park. Free though they do request you bring canned goods or personal care items to support Highland Community Ministry’s Dare to Care Food Pantry. Take a chair, pack some snacks and enjoy some live music!

### Contact Information for Strathmoor Manor

<b>Mayor</b>	Brian Cobb	396-3968	cobbbrianw@hotmail.com
<b>City Clerk</b>	Susan Stopher	456-6319	sgstopher@gmail.com
<b>Communications</b>	Kathy Barber	819-3132	kathyebarber@yahoo.com
<b>Maintenance</b>	Kathy Zandona	238-4279	kmzandona@gmail.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bob Peterson	749-6331	rpeter8582@gmail.com

**[www.cityofstrathmoormanor.com](http://www.cityofstrathmoormanor.com)**

**Strathmoor Police Department 432-8900 [www.strathmoorvillagepolice.com](http://www.strathmoorvillagepolice.com)**

## Miscellaneous Info

- Tree blocking the road? If a tree falls and blocks a road, please call the Strathmoor Police Department at 432-8900 or the Louisville Police Department at 911. A police officer will secure the scene then arrangements will be made to remove the fallen tree.
- 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 easily visible? A highly visible house number assists emergency vehicles, utility company vehicles, vendors and guests find your home.
- Be observant when you are out in the Manor and report any suspicious vehicles or persons to Strathmoor Police at (502)432-8900.
- The City of Strathmoor Manor has a Facebook group. Please join to be part of neighborhood discussions.
- Be a considerate neighbor and pet parent by picking up after your pet.

## Watering Newly Planted Trees

**Newly planted trees**, those that have been in the ground less than two years, require 25 gallons of water, approximately 1.5 inches of rainfall, per week to survive. (We call this “25 to Stay Alive”!) During extended periods of little or no rainfall and/or high temperatures, trees need your help.

It is important to check the moisture level on newly planted trees for at least one full year or until the root system is established. To accurately do this, pull back the mulch and feel the soil with your hands alongside the root-ball about 4” below ground level. During the hot and dry summer months, this should be done every 2-3 days for smaller plants and every 3-5 days for larger plants and trees. If the soil is dry – water thoroughly; if it is moist – do not water and check the soil in another few days.

The object of watering is to find that “happy medium” neither too wet, nor too dry. Be aware that both too little water and too much water can be detrimental.

### Where to water your tree

Deep watering to a depth of 12” inches below the soil surface is recommended. Saturate the soil around the tree within the “dripline” (the outer edges of the tree’s branches) to disperse water down toward the roots.

The objective is to water slowly, dispersing the flow of water to get the water deep down to the trees roots. Watering for short periods of time only encourages shallow rooting which can lead to more drought damage. Don’t dig holes in the ground in an effort to water deeply. This dries out roots even more. A soil needle/deep root feeder attached to a hose is acceptable to insert into the ground if your soil is not too hard and compact.

Overhead spraying of tree leaves is inefficient and should be avoided during drought conditions.

Watering at ground level, rather than spraying water into the air, is more efficient.

### **Tree Watering: Amount of water needed and methods to use**

During the drought, trees must be given top watering priority over your lawn. However, caring for trees requires different watering methods than your lawn. During water restrictions, irrigation systems designed to water turf do not sufficiently water your trees. During the drought, trees should be given a higher priority than lawns. Lawns can be replaced in a matter of months whereas a 20 year old tree will take 20 years to replace.

How much water your tree should receive depends upon the tree size. A general rule of thumb is to use approximately 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter for each watering. Measure trunk diameter at knee height. General formula: Tree Diameter x 5 minutes = Total Watering Time.

Example: When you hand water using a hose at medium pressure, it will take approximately 5 minutes to produce 10 gallons of water. If you have a 4" diameter tree, it should receive 40 gallons of water – multiply by 5 minutes to equal total watering time of 20 minutes.

### **Watering Tools**

**Garden Hose** – Garden hoses can be turned on at a slow trickle and set on a root ball of a tree. During hot and dry weather you can water a tree with a trunk that is 2 1/2" in diameter for approximately a half hour moving the hose around the tree. Hoses are ideal for watering a single plant or tree or a number of plants.

**Sprinklers** – Sprinklers are best for watering lawns or an entire bed of plants, especially those with annuals and perennials. They are not, however, the best way to water individual plants because they do not allow for deep watering.

**Soaker Hoses** – Soaker hoses are great for slow, deep watering. They can be used in beds or rows, around root balls and surrounding soil. Soaker hoses 'sweat' and can be left to run for several hours depending on the size of the tree or plant.

**Watering Wands** – They are great for providing supplemental watering, especially for container grown plants. Container plants dry out more quickly than other plants. Let the water soak through the container for a few minutes while you move on to the next plant you are watering. Then go back and water each container again with the wand to ensure the roots absorbed the water.

**Gator Bags** – These can be used to water trees during hot and dry summer months. They can hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree and will release water slowly to the root ball over the course of 15-20 hours. A convenient method of watering newly installed trees.

**Other Water-Wise Tips** – Container plants dry out quicker than balled and burlap-wrapped plants.

It is very important to water trees and shrubs thoroughly as needed during the hot summer months and in the late fall before the onset of winter.

Summer thunderstorms can provide some helpful moisture, BUT should not be considered a substitute for deep watering for trees.

Wilted leaves can result from the soil being either too dry or too wet so it is best to feel the soil before you water.

Ordinance Series 2016, Number 4

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 ~~32~~ 32 cents per \$100.00 valuation.

Section 3. 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 2015 2016 Property Tax Bills of the City based on valuations of real property as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 2016 by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator.

Enacted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

First Reading: 3 / 24 / 2015

Second Reading: 5 / 4 / 2016

Approved as to form:

  
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City Counsel

An ordinance adopting an annual budget for The City of Strathmoor Manor for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR that

Section 1. The annual budget for the City of Strathmoor Manor, Kentucky is hereby adopted as follows:

General Fund

Revenues:

Property Tax (after discounts and exemptions)	120,500
Insurance Premium Tax	46,000
Kentucky Intergovernmental Revenue	4,850
Telecommunications Tax	1,365
Interest Income	<u>90</u>
	172,805

Carry Forward Projected Unassigned balance year ended 06/30/2016	<u>172,855</u>
General Fund revenues available for appropriation current year	345,660

Less: minimum ending general fund balance	(114,100)
Less: Designated for FY 2016/2017 major repairs & replacements	<u>(24,500)</u>
General Fund revenues available for appropriation current year	207,060

Expenditures:

Landscaping, Lawn and Tree Maintenance	<del>(47,000)</del>	(46,000)
Garbage Collection	(28,000)	
Fire Protection	(27,600)	
Police Protection	(26,700)	
Sidewalks & Curbs	(20,000)	
Park Enhancements & Signage	(10,500)	
Street Lights – electricity	<del>(8,000)</del>	(9,500)
Insurance	( 5,600)	
Attorney Fees	<del>(7,000)</del>	(8,000)
Bookkeeping	( 5,100)	
Audit	<del>(4,000)</del>	(4,500)
Manor Board & City Clerk	( 3,600)	
Snow Removal	<del>(3,000)</del>	(3,500)
General Government	( 2,700)	
PVA fee	( 2,100)	
City Events – picnic, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	<u>( 1,200)</u>	
	(204,600)	

Transfer to Road Fund	( 2,380)
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Ending balance Unappropriated	80
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Add: Minimum ending general fund balance	114,100
Add: Designated for FY 2016/2017 major repairs & replacements	<u>24,500</u>
	<u>138,680</u>

Road Fund

Revenues:

Kentucky Municipal Road Aid	7,800
Transfer from General Fund	2,380
Carry forward Restricted for Roads fund balance YE 6/30/2016	<u>18,320</u>
Road Fund revenues available for appropriation	28,500

Expenditures:

Road Repair and Maintenance	<u>( 1,000)</u>
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Ending Restricted for Roads fund balance	<u>27,500</u>
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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication.

Enacted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2016

*Kathryn E. Barber*  
Mayor *Acting Pro Tem*

Attest:

*AAS Stephen*  
City Clerk

First reading: May 4, 2016  
Second reading: June 23, 2016

Approved as to form:  
*[Signature]*  
City Counsel

**CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR, KENTUCKY  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 6, SERIES 2016**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A COMMUNICATIONS  
FRANCHISE AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A  
UNIFORM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to award a non-exclusive franchise to Google Fiber (“Provider”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 116.70 - 116.99 of the Metro Code of Ordinances, Sections 163 and 164 of the Kentucky Constitution, Louisville Metro solicited bid proposals from parties interested in obtaining franchises to erect, install and maintain communications facilities or provide communication services by use of said communication facilities within the confines of Jefferson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Provider submitted a bid proposal to Metro for a communications services franchise pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 116.70 - 116.99 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City hereby grants to Provider for a period of twenty (20) years, a non-exclusive franchise to erect, install or maintain communications facilities or provide communication services by use of said communication facilities within the boundaries of the City in conformance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Franchise

Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Exhibit A hereto, and may accept minor changes to Exhibit A provided that such changes and/or modifications do not materially alter the substance of the Agreement or any term thereof.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

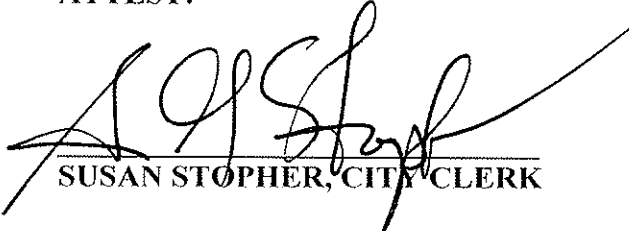
**INTRODUCED AND READ AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR, KENTUCKY, HELD ON THE DAY OF**  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR, KENTUCKY, AT A MEETING HELD ON THE DAY OF**  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

**APPROVED:**

Kathryn E. Barber  
BRIAN COBB, MAYOR *Acting Pro Tem*

**ATTEST:**

  
SUSAN STOPHER, CITY CLERK