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We encourage you to attend our City Council meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 4004 Gardiner Point Drive.

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Know the Benefits of Recycling...

Why bother to recycle? Because each of us is charged with protecting our environment and conserving natural resources for the many generations to come. You are a steward of Mother Earth and the process of caring for her starts with you! Here are some important facts to know when you make your choice about recycling:



Did you know? — More than half of all garbage produced by a household can be recycled. Think about how much landfill space we could save if everyone recycled!

Plastics — Plastics are made from petroleum, which is a limited, non-renewable resource. Five recycled two-liter plastic bottles make enough fiberfill for a ski jacket. About 1/3 of the carpet made in America has recycled plastic in it. Recycled plastic is also made into commercial strapping, clothing and outdoor lumber which does not rot. When milk jugs and liquid detergent bottles are recycled, they produce those same products for reuse.

Aluminum — Over 1,500 aluminum cans are recycled every minute. Each pound of aluminum recycled eliminates the need to mine 4 pounds of bauxite ore — another of our valuable natural resources. Each recycled aluminum can saves enough electricity to run a television set for 3 hours. Every American drinks about 370 beverages from aluminum cans each year. About half of those are recycled...but two million cans are thrown away.

Paper — It takes one 35-foot tall tree to make a stack of paper six feet tall. Recycling approximately 1 ton of newspapers saves 17 trees. Each ton of recycled paper saves 4 barrels of oil and uses 58% less water. Recycled paper production uses 40% less energy than virgin paper production. Recycled newsprint yields an average of 73% reusable product. This is the result after the ink and moisture are removed. Sawdust and wood shavings saved from manufactured wood products are recycled into paper grocery bags, corrugated boxes and other products.

Steel and Tin — Americans use enough steel and tin cans to make a steel pipe running from Los Angeles to New York AND BACK AGAIN! It takes four times as much energy to make steel from ore as it does from recycling steel scrap. For every pound of steel that is recycled, enough energy is saved to light a 60-watt light bulb for over a day. Tin and steel are sold to manufacturers who produce bicycles, automobiles, refrigerators, steel beams for construction and other materials.

Glass — Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass. Glass can always be recycled — IT NEVER BREAKS DOWN IN THE LANDFILL. Making new glass from recycled glass uses 32% less of the energy needed to make glass from raw materials. Using recycled glass to make new glass cuts related air pollution by about 20%. Air quality is something we should all be concerned about improving!

The Bottom Line: Reuse Materials — Recycling creates new jobs at recycling centers, processing companies and in the transportation industries. You can participate in several ways throughout Louisville Metro. If you already recycle — Mother Earth thanks you!

RECYCLING REALLY WORKS...AND THAT'S A FACT!!!

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Trip to Cathedral Gardens

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

The City of Watterson Park is sponsoring a trip for our residents to Cathedral Gardens in Henryville, Indiana. We will furnish a bus for transportation, box lunches, drinks and admission fees for all participants. .

Participants should meet by 9:30 a.m. at the City lot at Gardiner Lane and Gardiner View Drive (in front of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, near Kentucky Farm Bureau), where you should park on the grass. Paul Clinton from Beechwood Trees and Gardens will join us to plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day. Immediately afterward, we will depart for the Gardens. After the tour and lunch, we will leave for the return trip and should arrive back by 2:45 p.m.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE BY MAY 1.

About the Gardens

In the small town of Henryville, Indiana, lies one of the most picturesque locations in the Midwest, Cathedral Gardens. It is a place where time seems to stand still as your breath is literally taken away by the beauty surrounding you....

Cathedral Gardens is actually thirteen intertwined stunning gardens with statues, fountains, flowers, plants, and a whole soul experience with something for all of the senses to explore. Not a single thing has been overlooked in its creation, with its walkways and walls lain by hand of brownstone painstakingly removed from the creek, and a reported ten thousand annuals added to the grounds each spring. There are ponds with fountains, amazingly created pavilions and annual additions to keep Cathedral Gardens eternally growing in splendor.



FOUR SEASONS



CUPID GARDEN



CROSS FOUNTAIN

Trees

The gardens are adorned with a wide variety of trees. Some are uncommon in this area. Included in our tree population are: Ash; Aspen (Poplar variety); Crabapple; Dawn Redwood; Gingko; Heptacodium; Honey Locust; Japanese Birch; Japanese Cherry; Japanese Maples of several varieties; Maple; Pin Oak; Pine and Spruce; River Birch; Serviceberry; Sweetgum; Willow varieties; and Zelkova (a champagne-fluted Chinese Elm).

The gardens are encircled by thousands of naturally growing oak, hickory and walnut. When we must cut trees for new lakes or for removal of deformed or distressed hardwoods, staff uses our band saw mill to saw beams, planks and slim cuts for drying in our solar kiln. These woods are made into garden furniture, crafts and building supplies for garden features.

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* * * **RESPONSE FORM** * * *

Cathedral Gardens Trip — May 16, 2009

Name(s) of those attending from your household:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Return by May 1 to: Mrs. Lillian Wild, 4320 Milldaun Road, Louisville, KY 40213

Note: We will have limited ability to accommodate persons with mobility restrictions. If you have special mobility needs, please contact us at 458-7613 to discuss your situation.



Spring Is Almost Here..

Grass Cutting Season

It's almost that time again — grass cutting season. As a reminder, please don't blow grass clippings into the street and/or on the sidewalk. Keeping the streets and sidewalks free of debris not only makes our City look clean and neat, it also provides a clear path for the walkers who will soon be out with the beautiful weather on the way.

Dog Owner Responsibilities

When walking your dog, please carry the necessary items with you to clean up if your dog does its "business" on someone else's property (residential or commercial).

Signs

If you have a yard sale, a sign that goes in the ground is the only type of sign that is permitted and it must be removed by 6:00 p.m. the day of the sale. Signs are not permitted on light poles, telephone poles, fences, etc. In the past, there have been cardboard signs fastened with duct tape and stapled to poles throughout our City. After one sale, City personnel removed 15 Yard Sale signs. If you post a sign, it is your responsibility to remove it.

Watterson Park works diligently to keep signs from being posted in our City. You may have noticed that you rarely see a sign stapled to a pole or in the ground in our City. If you do see one, it is generally removed within a day or two. Signs posted on street corners and poles make an area look cluttered. Help us keep our City attractive.

Parking

We have received several complaints regarding vehicles parking too close to STOP signs. Parking too close makes it necessary for a vehicle approaching the STOP sign to veer into the oncoming lane, which is definitely a safety issue. Metro Police have advised us that vehicles parked within 50 feet of a STOP sign can be ticketed.

Open Burning

The Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board has approved the use of commercial fire pits and chimeneas, but fires in barrels are not permitted. Also, you are not permitted to use a fire pit or chimenea when officials have declared an air quality alert. Burning of trash, leaves, or tree stumps is not permitted at any time. If used correctly with untreated firewood, commercial fire pits and chimeneas are safe and self-controlled.

~ Submitted by Linda Chesser

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REMINDER

Please be sure to place the insurance sticker provided in this newsletter on your payment slips when you mail your insurance premium payments (except worker's compensation or health insurance).

**LARGE TRASH PICK-UP
APRIL 18, 2009**

Watterson Park has been named a **Tree City USA** community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the eighth year Watterson Park has received this national recognition. Watterson Park has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.



Recycle...Recycle...Recycle

To quote Kermit the Frog: "It's not easy being green." It's true. When it comes to the subject of recycling, it's much easier to take that aluminum can, glass bottle, newspaper, etc., and throw it in the trash without feeling guilty. However, with a little effort, we can remove labels, wash out cans, and tie up newspapers and throw them in a recycling bin and help save our planet for our generation and the ones to come.

According to "Epic" research, organic matter takes up 45 percent of our landfills, leaving 55 percent of things we can control, with paper, plastics and glass having the biggest percentage of 36 percent.

Glass bottles do not break down even under the harshest of conditions. Plastics take approximately 20 years when exposed to light, and somewhere in the vicinity of 500 to 1,000 years when they are buried in a landfill.

The facts are there to let you know that recycling is important and hopefully encourage more households to recycle.

~ Submitted by Marlene Welsh