

Watterson Park Word

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Crime Prevention Tips

House Numbers: Should be visible day or night from the front and back. This is important for police officers or EMS units responding to your home. Be conscious of Louisville Metro Ordinance §156.053.

Property Identification: Engrave all valuable property with a readily identifiable name or number of your choosing, starting with **KY**. Take pictures of all valuables and keep in a safe place.

Locks and Keys: An unlocked lock is not a lock! Habitually locking your home and closing and locking garage doors is something everyone needs to do, even when working in the yard. Re-key door locks when you move into an apartment or house. Hiding a key outside your house is NOT a good idea.

Shrubbery: Are the doors and windows of your house hidden by shrubbery? If so, trim the shrubs so the burglar is denied the opportunity to hide behind them.

Lighting: External security lighting as well as interior lights are important. Exclusive use of lighting when the home is unoccupied might actually tip off a burglar. It is smart to use interior lights on a timer whenever you are going to be away from home at night. Motion detectors or dusk-to-dawn lights should be considered. Leaving a radio or TV on may give the appearance that someone is home.

Vacation Plans: Make planning your security a part of your vacation plans. Secure your home and leave some lights on a timer. Leave a key with a trusted neighbor. Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Contact the police department and ask for a house watch. Ask a neighbor to park their car in your driveway while you are gone.

Smoke Detector: Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. Check the batteries regularly.

Burglar Alarms: Alarms are an excellent tool for protecting your home, but they need to be serviced and tested periodically. Learn about the LMPD Alarm Program. Be conscious of Louisville Metro False Alarm Ordinance §127.14.

Firearms: If you keep a firearm in your home, please store and handle it properly. Never leave a loaded firearm where a child can find it. Use a trigger lock to prevent a tragedy.

Supplied by LMPD

FROM THE *Mayor*



In this newsletter, we are focusing on public safety. Watterson Park is not alone in its struggle with crime caused by the drug epidemic across Jefferson County. There is not a zip code in Jefferson County exempt from this type of crime. The Sixth Division Major, Lieutenant, and Officers are concerned, and our City is patrolled regularly. However, Officers cannot be in any one area 24/7. So, we need to do our part. There is a saying, "If you see something, say something." If you see someone suspicious, call LMPD Dispatch, 574-2111, Option 5. Tell them you are in the Sixth Division, Beat 3, and that we have had a rash of break-ins in our area recently. Lighting helps, so please keep lights on, lock up, look out for your neighbors, and call LMPD immediately if something doesn't look right. Please take the LMPD Home Security Survey on page 2 of this newsletter, as it contains some excellent reminders.

I serve on the LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board, which meets monthly, and I stay in regular communication with the Sixth Division Resource Officers.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

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To better serve you, our City has established the committees listed below. If you have an issue or concern that falls under one of these categories, please contact the Councilmember or Officer whose name is listed.

BUSINESS LIAISONS

Tiffany Woodson (498.0542) and Linda Chesser (458.7613)

EVENTS—SPRING TRIP; BRIGHTSIDE CLEAN-UPS; COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Marlene Welsh (459.5244) and Tiffany Woodson (498.0542)

FINANCE—BUDGET; AUDIT; TAX BILLS

Jerry Wild (744.7177)

LAWN MAINTENANCE; TREE WORK; FORESTRY; TREE CITY USA; ARBOR DAY

Lanette Douglas (819.7274) and Gina Garrett (454.6669)

MSD; STREET LIGHTS; PEST CONTROL/TERMINIX

Helen Arnold (452.6913)

NEWSLETTER; WEBSITE; CITY RECORDS

Aggie Keefe (clerk.wattersonpark@gmail.com)

ROAD WORK; SIGNS; POTHOLES; SPEED HUMPS

Steve Fortwengler (533.9466) and Linda Chesser (458.7613)

PROPERTY ISSUES—MAINTENANCE; PARKING VIOLATIONS; ILLEGAL SIGNS; TALL GRASS & WEEDS

Linda Chesser (458.7613)

Louisville Metro Police Home Security Survey



DOORS

	Yes	No
1. Does door have a peep hole?	_____	_____
2. Are all doors locked at all times?	_____	_____
3. Are locks that can be opened from inside at least 40 inches from glass?	_____	_____
4. Do they have deadbolt locks?	_____	_____
5. If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable?	_____	_____
6. Does door securely fit door jamb?	_____	_____
7. Is door jamb tightly fastened?	_____	_____
8. Is strike plate securely fastened to door jamb with 3-inch screws?	_____	_____
9. Does bolt extend 1 – 1 1/2" into strike plate?	_____	_____
10. Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in?	_____	_____

WINDOWS

11. Do your double-hung windows have removable pins?	_____	_____
12. Do metal windows have auxiliary locks?	_____	_____
13. Can windows have auxiliary locks?	_____	_____
14. Do basement windows have auxiliary locks?	_____	_____
15. Do curtains or drapes fully cover window?	_____	_____
16. Is window air conditioner secured from inside?	_____	_____

GARAGE

17. Does door close tightly?	_____	_____
18. Does overhead door have a track padlock?	_____	_____
19. Is padlock of high quality?	_____	_____
20. Is hasp of high quality, installed without screws showing?	_____	_____
21. Do you keep overhead door closed and locked at all times?	_____	_____
22. Do you remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?	_____	_____
23. Can garage light be turned on from inside home?	_____	_____

EXTERIOR

24. Are shrubs cut below 30 inches?	_____	_____
25. Are tree limbs cut above 8 feet high?	_____	_____
26. Is residence number visible from street or alley, where applicable?	_____	_____
27. Can mailbox be locked?	_____	_____
28. Are front and back doors well lit?	_____	_____
29. Do you have additional lighting?	_____	_____
30. Are bicycles, mowers, ladders, etc., kept secured?	_____	_____

For additional information concerning Neighborhood Watch, personal safety, and crime prevention, contact District Resource Officer Eddie Phillips at 502.968.4328; email Eddie.Phillips@louisvilleky.gov; or call 574-LMPD.

(This survey is for your private use only.)

TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS ZOO

The City of Watterson Park is sponsoring a trip to the Indianapolis Zoo on **MAY 13, 2017**, for City of Watterson Park residents. The City will furnish transportation by chartered bus to and from the zoo, pay for admission, and provide lunch and drinks for all participants.

The bus will depart from the Church of Christ, 4204 Gardiner View Avenue, at 9 a.m. [The Church has given us permission to park our vehicles in their parking lot.] We will arrive back at that location around 6:15 p.m.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 RESPONDENTS.

If you would like to attend, fill out and return the form at the bottom of this page by April 30.



The Indianapolis Zoo was the first in the nation to be accredited as a zoo, an aquarium, and a botanical garden by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the American Alliance of Museums.

“We’re not a zoo doing conservation; we’re a global conservation organization that is a zoo,” says Indianapolis Zoo President and CEO, Mike Crowther.

The Indianapolis Zoo is also committed to sustainability—the ability of humans to provide responsible stewardship of the Earth’s limited and precious resources. The entire Zoo staff is involved with efforts to lead the way by making the Zoo itself as green as possible.



From indianapoliszoo.com;

TRIP RESPONSE FORM

Indianapolis Zoo — May 13, 2017

— *Must include ALL information requested below.* —

Name(s) of those attending from your residence: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email (if available): _____

Vegetarian? Yes No

RETURN BY APRIL 30 TO MARLENE WELSH, 1723 LARKMOOR LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40218.

NOTE: Oxygen containers cannot be taken on or under the bus due to the danger of exploding.

WE WILL HAVE LIMITED ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS WITH MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS; IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS, PLEASE CONTACT MARLENE WELSH AT 459-5244 TO DISCUSS YOUR SITUATION.

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LET'S MAKE IT
Beautiful...
ANNUAL BRIGHTSIDE SPRING CLEANUP
Saturday, April 15
We will meet at the Lillian Wild Walking Path at 9 a.m.
If interested in volunteering, please contact
Tiffany Woodson at 502.498.0542.

Large Trash Pickup
SATURDAY,
APRIL 15, 2017
Have items at the curb no later than 6 a.m.
No tires, paint, batteries, or any items that
contain Freon will be picked up.

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK
COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

Mayor.....	Linda Chesser
Councilmember	Helen Arnold
Councilmember	Lanette Douglas
Councilmember	Steve Fortwengler
Councilmember	Gina Garrett
Councilmember	Marlene Welsh
Councilmember	Tiffany Woodson
Clerk.....	Aggie Keefe
Treasurer	Jerry Wild

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Due to health issues such as bed bugs and other biological issues related to possible contamination: **ALL discarded mattresses** must be wrapped in plastic to be picked up as a bulk item. This is also the current policy with Metro Louisville service and is being required by other independent haulers.

Thanks so much for you cooperation.

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