

Watterson Park Word

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FROM THE *Mayor*



City Officials' Responsibilities...

Before I was elected to the City of Watterson Park Council in 1990, I thought I had an idea of what our City Officials handled: e.g., budget, audit, contracts, property matters. Soon after being elected, however, I got a much clearer picture of what it takes to operate a City and realized that it involves so much more than I had envisioned.

Some of you may have questions as to what exactly our duties are; so I put together a list of just some of the issues your Mayor, Council, Treasurer, and Clerk have been working on during the past few months.

- Managed the City funds to ensure we are getting the best rates on our investments. (*Ongoing*)
- Kept the City website updated; printed and mailed our quarterly newsletter. (*Ongoing*)
- Coordinated with Metro and the new owners of the property located at 4500 Conaem Drive, formerly Lab Corps, to change the address to a Stober Road address in order to alleviate some of the traffic on the residential street. This property is now a YUM! call center with an address of 3301 Stober Road.
- Secured bids for sanitation services and awarded a two-year contract for fiscal years 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 to Republic Services (Industrial Disposal).
- Secured bids for and approved the lawn maintenance contract.
- Finalized and approved the budget for the 2016–2017 fiscal year.
- The audit was completed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a copy of which we mailed to all residents.
- Discussed and approved a resolution to enter into an interlocal agreement with Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government relating to communications services that would make Google fiber connectivity available for our City.
- Worked with Jefferson County Public Schools Administration regarding middle and high school assignments for our students. (*Ongoing*)
- Approved the bid for the installation of decorative street signs and stop signs on our residential streets. This project involved researching the specifications required to ensure the signage meets Federal standards.
- Approved installation of illuminated signage on the Stober Road 90° curve.
- Planned a City-sponsored trip to Bernheim Forest. (*See page 2.*)
- Another successful Brightside clean-up was held on April 16.
- Several of your City Officials attended a meeting regarding Bellarmine University development plans for property located in Watterson Park.
- Resolved several parking, traffic, and property issues. (*Ongoing*)
- Attended monthly LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meetings to ensure a good rapport with the Officers assigned to our area (Beat 3). (*Ongoing*)
- Attended District 10 Advisory Board Meetings in order to stay informed about what is happening in our District. (*Ongoing*)

The minutes for our monthly legislative meetings, meeting agendas, ordinances, and other City information can be found on our City website, www.wattersonparkky.com.

Your City Officials are dedicated to making Watterson Park a great place to live.

Linda Chesser

Linda Chesser, Mayor

Wow! What an Adventure!

Our trip to Bernheim Forest on May 14 was a delight! Adults as well as children had a great time. To those of you who made the trip, we are glad you were there; and if you missed it—you missed a great time. If you participated, be sure to tell your neighbors about it, because there might be another trip next year.

The children were like the “mice” to the Pied Piper. Wren, our activities director, took us on a short hike and explained trees and plants. She asked the children to participate, which they did voluntarily. They were so involved that they picked bouquets of clover and dandelions for Wren.

After our hike, we had a nice lunch at Isaac’s Cafe, after which we were able to explore at our leisure until it was time to board the bus for the return trip.

For those of you who have never been to Bernheim Forest—it is located about 20 minutes from Louisville on S.R. 245/Clermont Road. Its natural woodland habitat features native trees and wildlife; lots of groomed trails, gardens, and fields; as well as an education center, arboretum, gift shop, and Isaac’s Cafe.

~ Marlene Welsh, Councilmember





Louisville Metro Police Department 6th Division



SAFETY SUGGESTIONS FOR YOU, YOUR VEHICLE, AND YOUR BELONGINGS.

The LMPD 6th Division would like to offer you some crime prevention tips for **auto theft** and **thefts from auto**. To combat these crimes of opportunity occurring in our community, we ask that you review the listed crime prevention tips. Although these tips cannot guarantee that you will not become a victim of a crime, they may decrease your chances dramatically.

- ✓ Make sure that all the vehicle windows are up and doors locked.
- ✓ DO NOT leave your vehicle running unattended. Not only does this invite thieves, but it is a violation of state law. You may be cited, or your insurance company may not cover the theft due to the circumstances of the theft.
- ✓ Park in your garage if possible or in a well-lit area.
- ✓ Purses, wallets, cell phones, guns, and GPS systems are a prime target and should not be kept in your vehicle. If you must keep items in your vehicle, place them out of sight, preferably in the trunk.
- ✓ DO NOT hide a key in your car or under the hood.
- ✓ If you have a detachable face plate stereo, remove it when you exit your vehicle.
- ✓ Keep serial/model numbers of all portable electronics. If possible, etch a personal identification number on your items. Cell phones, tablets, iPads, laptops, and stereo equipment (including speakers and amps) are just some prime targets for thefts from vehicles. Recording the serial/model numbers or placing a PIN on them increases your chance of recovery by more than half should they get stolen.
- ✓ DO NOT leave firearms in unattended vehicles!

If you notice something suspicious, CALL the POLICE.

“If it doesn’t look right, it probably isn’t!”

Emergency: 911
NON-Emergency: 574-2111

Sixth Division: 574-2187
Crime Tip Line: 574-LMPD

Courtesy of LMPD 6th Division.

CRIME ALERTS

Did you know that you can sign up to receive crime alerts in your neighborhood? Go to LouisvilleKy.gov; scroll to “Sign up for crime alerts” at the bottom of the page; and fill in the information requested. You can opt to receive notices of crimes involving arson, sex crimes, homicide, robbery, and vandalism, among others. You can choose between email alerts and text alerts.

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Hot Weather Tips for Pet Owners...

NEVER leave pets in hot vehicles. Doing so can cause severe dehydration and even death within minutes.

Make sure pets have access to shade and fresh water. It's very easy for them to get dehydrated or overheated.

Bring pets inside during the hottest part of the day—between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Be careful of asphalt. Asphalt and metal surfaces can get extremely hot in the summer and can burn paws.

Just like humans, some pets get sunburn. If you're considering shaving your pet this summer, make sure to leave at least an inch of hair. Veterinarians can recommend appropriate sunscreens for pets.

Provide “kiddie pools” or sprinklers, which will keep them safe from drowning and will also provide refreshing, fun activities for their day.

Protect your pet from parasites. Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can leave pets feeling irritated and itchy.

Know the signs of a heat stroke: restlessness, panting, increased respiratory and heart rates, excessive drooling, vomiting, and diarrhea.

(From Kentucky Humana Society)

Lawn Care for Cleaner Program Offers Rebates on Air-Friendly Lawn Equipment

Making the switch from gasoline-powered lawn equipment to air-friendly electric equipment can make a big difference in the air we all breathe. Louisville Metro Government is making that switch easier with cash rebates on electric mowers, trimmers, and leaf blowers, as well as human-powered reel mowers. Rebates are available for all new electric and reel-powered equipment, but you can save even more by trading in your old, gas-powered equipment. Get up to \$100 off a brand-new electric mower!

For program details, visit
louisvilleky.gov/apcd/lawncare
or call 574-6000.