

Watterson Park Word

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Your City of Watterson Park Mayor, Council, and Officers wish you peace, prosperity, health, and happiness this holiday season!

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Thank you!

PREPARING FOR

Winter Snow

The Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting another teeth-chatteringly cold winter across the United States! "Colder is just almost too familiar a term," Editor Janice Stillman said. "Think of it as a refriger-nation." The Almanac predicted that this winter will be another arctic blast with above-normal snowfall throughout much of the nation.

Who is responsible for clearing snow-filled streets?

Watterson Park is responsible for clearing residential streets; privately-owned streets are the responsibility of the owner(s). To this end, we have contracted with Countywide Lawn & Landscaping to plow and/or salt City streets when the need arises. Our goal in doing so is to maintain safe travel routes for emergency response vehicles as well as for the general public. Residents can be assured that when significant snowfall accumulates, Watterson Park will make every effort to plow our streets in a timely manner. If snow accumulation is minimal and plowing is not necessary, salt and/or sand may be applied.

How can I help?

YOU CAN HELP BY KEEPING YOUR CARS OFF THE STREETS WHEN SNOW AND/OR ICE IS FORECAST. Parked cars are an obstacle to properly clearing the streets and also pose a hazard that plows, as well as other vehicles, must maneuver around. Your street will be plowed more thoroughly if there are fewer cars parked on it.

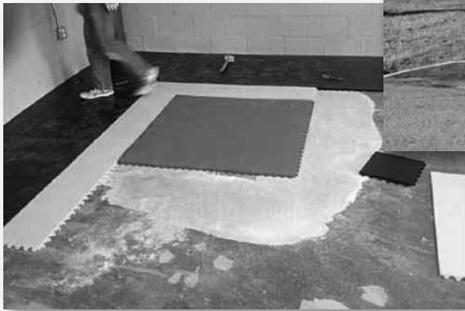
Who clears sidewalks and driveways?

Clearing the sidewalks and driveways is the responsibility of residents and property owners. Please shovel the snow into your yard, not onto the street. Shoveling snow onto the street and sidewalk can cause hazardous conditions for both cars and pedestrians. And if you wait until after your street has been plowed to clear your driveway, you can avoid double shoveling. NOTE: When plowing our streets, some snow may be deposited in your driveway and yard; this is unavoidable. Rest assured that the plow drivers try to keep the amount of snow pushed onto your property to a minimum.

Louisville Soccer Alliance Mike Eimers Training Facility



The Louisville Soccer Club's renovation of the property at 3001 Stober Road is now complete.



This facility is a welcome improvement to an abandoned property in Watterson Park.



Did You Know...

Watterson Park's real estate tax rate went **down to 9.6%**? There are only a couple of other cities in the entire state of Kentucky that have a lower real estate tax rate.

I became a City Council member in April of this year, and I am delighted to serve with a group of neighbors who care a great deal about making our City a great place to call home. They are dedicated in their service and are good stewards of the money that is entrusted to them.

At a time when our economy screams for more money, it makes me happy to know that this is one payment that has been steadily declining over the years. As a taxpayer, I want to say **THANK YOU** to the members of our City Council who have been working for many years to bring us the best for a little less!

~ Submitted by your newest Council member, Gina Garrett

Join the Watterson Park Team for Operation Brightside's 2015 Community-Wide Cleanup

Brightside's Community-Wide Spring Cleanup will be here before you know it. The first time Watterson Park participated as a team was in 2013, and we had nine volunteers. In 2014, we had twenty-eight volunteers, which included several children. More residents have expressed an interest in joining the team in 2015. Not only does this "sweep" our Watterson Park streets, it also presents an opportunity to meet neighbors and teach our children about respect for their community and the importance of volunteering.

Operation Brightside furnishes the shirts, gloves, and bags. To insure that every volunteer receives a shirt, we will pass out a flyer a few weeks prior to the event asking you to let us know if you plan to participate. We meet at 9:30 a.m. and are finished before noon—not a bad investment to improve the landscape of our City.

As I drive along Gardiner Lane and see the acorn lights, the beautiful trees, and clean streets, it really gives me a sense of pride to be a resident of Watterson Park.

~ Submitted by Linda Chesser, Councilperson



Yard Waste Bag Ban

Beginning January 1, 2015, environmentally friendly, biodegradable/compostable bags will be the only types of bags permitted for the collection and disposal of yard waste materials in Metro Louisville. Residents may still use self-enclosed containers, carts, and cans as well as tied-and-bundled, easy-to-handle twigs and branches. Industrial Disposal will not pick up yard waste that is in a non-conforming bag.

Pursuant to this Metro Louisville ban, Watterson Park is investigating supplying residents with wheeled yard-waste carts. We will keep you updated.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, call Metro Call at 311 or go to www.louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/yard-waste.

www.WattersonParkKy.com

New Website Feature...

We have added a new feature to our website. The **CRIME PREVENTION** page features tips from our LMPD Sixth Division as well as from other trusted sources. You can find Block Watch reports, Louisville Metro Sixth Division links / contact information, and links to outside agencies. This page will be constantly updated, so please check back often...*and let us know what you think.*

Businesses...

Thank you to those businesses that have agreed to be listed on our **BUSINESS BULLETIN** page. This service is provided FREE to any business within our City limits. Just go to our website and click on the **BUSINESS BULLETIN** button; detailed instructions are given at the bottom of the page. In addition, if you would like to be featured as our "Business of the Month," just follow the prompts at the bottom of the page and we'll set it up. We appreciate our business community, and this is just one small way of letting you know!

Please visit our website, browse through the pages, and then give us your feedback. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

*"Celebrate endings –
for they precede new beginnings."*

– Jonathan Lockwood Huie



Lillian Wild

is retiring from our City Council, where she has served since 1981. We would like to thank Lillian for 33 years of enthusiasm, dedication, and service. We will be forever grateful for her many contributions to our Watterson Park community.

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Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, October 11, the City of Watterson Park held its second annual Community Yard Sale. Twenty families participated. This year we ran an ad in the newspaper, had signs made up, and used social media to get the word out. Participants made anywhere from \$30 to over \$300.

If we have enough interest, the City will continue the event. However, if we refer to it as a “Community” event, it would be nice to have more participation. What I would like to do next year is send out a note regarding the yard sale and ask residents to respond if they plan to join. This way, we would have a better idea of the number of participants.



So, throughout the year, start putting items that you no longer need in a “yard sale box.” It’s helpful to price items as you collect them. Most discount stores have packages of price stickers (usually by their garage sale signs) that work great.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and we hope to have a good response for 2015 so we can continue to grow this event.

~ Submitted by Linda Chesser, Councilperson