

Watterson Park Word

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From the Mayor

With everything that’s happening in Watterson Park, your Mayor and City Council haven’t had much time to rest between meetings. Below are just a few of the highlights from the past few months. I hope you’ll agree that it’s been time well spent.



- First and foremost, I am excited to announce that Watterson Park has purchased the five-acre property at 1391 Gardiner Lane. See page 3 for information on this recent acquisition.
- We signed a contract with Republic Services to continue to provide sanitation services for our residents. Their bid was roughly \$17,000 lower annually than the one from the competitor.
- We’ve contracted with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping to mow, to beautify the Lillian Wild Walking Path, to clean curbs and gutters, to remove dead trees and stumps, and for overall tree/shrub maintenance for the season.
- We filed No Trespass Waivers for the Lillian Wild Walking Path/The Norman Liebert Green and the 1391 Gardiner Lane property, and signs have been posted.
- Our Treasurer, City Attorney, and I worked together to draft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Your City Council approved it at our April legislative meeting.
- After more than five years of working with KYTC, Louisville Metro Public Works, Louisville Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill, and others, preliminary marking has begun for the sidewalk project on Newburg Road from Larkmoor Lane to Louisville Metro Animal Services. Construction should begin in early July.
- We cleaned up an abandoned homeless encampment behind a business on Eastmoor Road.

You are always welcome to attend our monthly legislative meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau on Gardiner View Avenue. In addition, you can visit www.WattersonParkKy.com to stay abreast of what’s happening in your City.

Enjoy your summer!

Meet Your Council...

Your Council and Officers work diligently to make Watterson Park a thriving, viable, and safe community of which we can all be proud. Check out their bios, find out on which committees they serve, and get their contact information by visiting our website: www.WattersonParkKy.com.

- Mayor.....Linda Chesser
- Councilman.....Walter “Jay” Bourke
- Councilwoman.....Becky Ewan
- Councilman.....Steve Fortwengler
- Councilwoman.....Gina Garrett
- Councilman.....Todd O’Bryan
- Councilwoman.....Marlene Welsh
- Treasurer.....Jean Hall
- Clerk.....Aggie Keefe

Landlords, Did You Know?

Louisville Metro has a rental registry ordinance. You can learn about it at louisvilleky.gov/government/codes-regulations/rental-registry. The ordinance requires all rental properties located in Louisville Metro, **including Watterson Park**, to be registered with Louisville Metro Government.

Find out how to register your rental property at: louisvilleky.gov/government/codes-regulations/register-your-rental-property.

Don’t delay in registering! Failure to register is subject to a **fine up to \$100 per day per housing unit**.



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To Our Business Community...

We appreciate the many businesses that are an integral part of Watterson Park. We wouldn’t be the vibrant, growing community that we are without you.

We are offering you the opportunity to have a **FREE** listing on the Business Bulletin page of our website. Simply e-mail the following information to WattersonParkInfo@att.net and we’ll take care of the rest.

- Business name
- Phone/Fax number
- E-mail address
- Contact name
- Address
- Website URL
- A short description of your goods/services

Your Watterson Park Council strives to keep the lines of communication open between us and our residents and businesses. We mail newsletters, hand-deliver occasional flyers, maintain an informative website, and hold open legislative meetings monthly. Our City phone and e-mails are answered promptly.

At the same time, your City Council felt that we needed a method of communication to use outside of these avenues in order to share important information quickly and seamlessly. To that end, we recently contracted with **REACH Alert**, an alert and notification system that allows us to immediately share valuable information such as sanitation delays, power outages, and upcoming events with our residents and businesses via text message, voice call, and/or e-mail.

We want to thank those of you who have already signed up and hope you are enjoying this service. We encourage those who haven't to give it a try. The more participants we have, the better the results we can expect.

The sign-up process is simple, and you can opt out at any time.

- Go to www.reachalert.com, or use your smart device to scan the QR Code to the right.



- Click on **Sign Up**.

- Type **Watterson Park** as the Network Name, and follow the prompts from there.

If you do not have access to the Internet or if you experience any difficulty registering, please contact REACH Alert at 877.307.9313 or e-mail wattersonparkinfo@att.net.

LMPD 6th & 7th DIVISION

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
2024

Tuesday, August 6th 5pm - 8pm
7201 Outer Loop - Highview Park

"America's Night Out Against Crime"

Join us for a Family-Friendly Event to promote Crime, Drug & Violence Prevention Police-Community Partnerships.
Food, Drinks, Prizes & Giveaways!
Children's Activities, Live Music
LMPD Specialty Units, Fire, EMS, Neighborhood Crime Prevention & More!

Free Event
No Pre-Registration Required

It's Hot Out!
Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!

90° **102°** **120°**

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.

Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

ASPCA

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**

Watterson Park Property Acquisition



View of 1391 Gardiner Lane from the corner of Gardiner Lane and Colonel Sanders Lane (above); views with Candlewood Inn and Yum! headquarters in background (right).

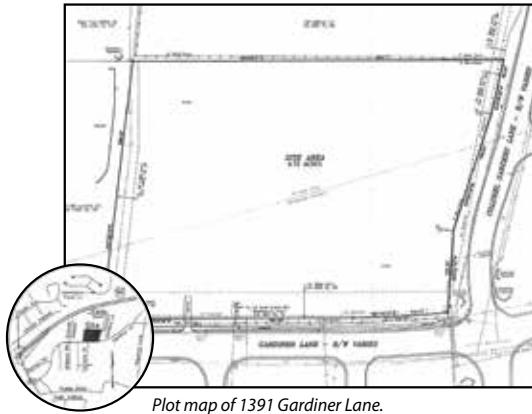
As most people in our community now know, Watterson Park has purchased from Yum! the five-acre tract of undeveloped land at 1391 Gardiner Lane located adjacent to the KFC offices. This was the parcel of property that Yum! had put on the market over a year ago. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Mayor Chesser, Council Member Walter “Jay” Bourke, City Treasurer Jean Hall, and our attorneys for their assistance in the acquisition of and post-acquisition efforts related to Watterson Park’s new property.

Previously, Yum! had entered into a contract to sell the property to a developer who created plans to add another hotel and a large residential apartment project. The Council of the City determined

that this development plan was not in the best interest of the City and its residents and, consequently, authorized the City’s attorneys to oppose the development. Over a many-month effort to resist this project, the developer withdrew its plans and terminated its purchase agreement with Yum!

After Yum! put the parcel back on the market, our City contacted Yum! to discuss the possibility of Watterson Park purchasing this tract. The negotiation was successful. On March 24 of this year the City closed on the acquisition.

The City of Watterson Park is looking at options to engage in a minimalist, natural setting development, namely a City park. This will be an extension of our own park system, which includes the Lillian Wild Walking Path and The Norman Liebert Green. It is expected that the approach with the new parcel will likely have more open space with some parking, a few walking areas, and possibly a small playground for children.



Plot map of 1391 Gardiner Lane.



Aerial view of 1391 Gardiner Lane (outlined in red), showing its proximity to surrounding business and residential properties.



The Lillian Wild Walking Path/The Norman Liebert Green, located at Gardiner Lane and Gardiner View Avenue, has a paved 1/6-mile walking path; sitting benches; trash receptacle; and a beautiful variety of trees, many of which have identifying markers. It is available for your use and enjoyment daily from sunrise until sunset.



"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it."

~ Russell Baker

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Sanitation Services

Your City has selected Republic Services to provide garbage, recycling, and yard waste services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. Since our current sanitation contract is with Republic, you shouldn't notice any difference in the service already being provided.

Below is the collection calendar for the second half of 2024. Garbage is collected every Friday; recycling and composting are collected on alternating Fridays. Please have all items at the curb the night before your scheduled service day. Contact Republic Services at least two days in advance to schedule a bulk item pickup.

To report a problem with your service or for more information, call Republic Services at 502.638.9000.

Find services, crime tips, ordinances, City data, meeting agendas and minutes, contact information, and much more on our official website:
www.WattersonParkKy.com

**July – December 2024 Watterson Park
Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection Calendar**

JULY						
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DECEMBER						
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■ Holidays
 ■ Recycling
 ■ Trash
 ■ Yard Waste

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