

# Watterson Park Word

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### MSD: How You Can Help

- Decrease the use of fertilizer and pesticides, especially when it may rain soon. Stormwater picks up these chemicals and carries them to our local waterways, where fertilizer fosters algae and pesticides harm our local flora and fauna.
- Compost grass clippings. Grass clippings get carried off by rain water and can clog catch basins, drainage ditches and streams, contributing to local flooding.
- Wash your car on the grass. Your vehicle carries oil, grit, and dirt from the roadways where you drive. When you wash your car on a paved surface, the water drains to a nearby catch basin or drainage ditch and can be carried to a nearby creek or stream. In the yard, water will soak into the grass, so less will run off to catch basins or drainage ditches.
- Put pet waste in the trash. Pet waste that is left on the ground is carried to local waterways when it rains and can possibly contaminate our rivers and streams.

~From MSD.org

## From the Mayor



### Benefits of living in Watterson Park...

As a resident or business owner in Watterson Park, you might wonder what the property taxes you pay actually fund. So I thought I'd list some of the many benefits afforded to you as a resident or business owner in the City of Watterson Park.

- **Lower property taxes** for businesses and residents, with a current tax rate of 8.2¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- **Private police patrol** through Kentuckiana Law Enforcement for residential streets as well as businesses to enhance the service provided through the Metro Louisville Police Department.
- **Sanitation, recycle,** and year-round **yard waste** pick-up for residences.
- **Road and sidewalk paving** and maintenance.
- **Tree planting and maintenance,** including removal of dead/fallen trees, on City-owned property and rights-of-way.
- **Snow removal** from streets and pre-treatment with brine when ice is forecast.
- **Lawn maintenance** on rights-of-way and on City-owned properties.
- **Spraying and cleaning gutters** along Gardiner Lane, Bishop Lane, and various other streets.
- Installation of and monthly fees for **street lights,** including acorn lights.
- Installation of special **decorative street signs** throughout the City.
- Building and maintenance of the **signature entrance** at Newburg Road and Bishop Lane; installation of **boundary signs** throughout the City.
- City-sponsored **annual trip** for residents to coordinate with our Master Tree Plan.
- Organized participation in Operation Brightside **spring and fall cleanups.**
- Installation and maintenance of **speed humps** on residential streets where warranted.
- Active participation in **zoning applications and hearings** to ensure any new zoning will have a positive impact upon our City.
- Construction and maintenance of the **Lillian R. Wild Walking Path,** providing a safe, comfortable place to walk, sit, and/or reflect.

In addition to the above, as a resident or business in Watterson Park, rest assured that you will get a quick, thorough response to any questions or concerns you might have. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for a list of committees and boards that have been established to better serve you.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Mayor.

*Linda Chesser*  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

**"I am thankful that in a troubled world no calamity can prevent the return of spring."**

*~ Helen Keller*

## HOW TO REDUCE YARD WASTE

The best way to reduce the need for collection and improve your yard is to follow the **Love 'Em and Leave 'Em (LELE)** practice of using your yard waste as fertilizer.

### LELE Tips & Tricks:

**Set your mower to maximum height.** Follow the one-third rule: never cut more than one-third of the total height of the grass when you mow.

**Don't bag those clippings!** Leaves and grass break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into your soil.

**Mulch leaves and landscape trimmings into your lawn.** Mow over landscape trimmings and leaves without a grass catcher. To avoid hazards while mowing, make sure trimmings are no larger than a pencil.

**Start composting!** With your own compost bin or pile, you can recycle food scraps and yard waste into usable compost for your flower beds, gardens, potted plants, or other landscaping.

Learn more about yard waste at [www.louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/yard-waste](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/yard-waste).

*~ From The Works Week,  
April 17, 2019*

# Brightside Spring Cleanup



**ABOVE:** OUR WATTERSON PARK RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2019 BRIGHTSIDE & PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN SPRING COMMUNITY-WIDE CLEANUP ON APRIL 13.

***"Brightside is dedicated to uniting people in clean and green activities that beautify and foster pride in our community through volunteerism, planting, sustainability, & education."***

Cleanups are an integral part of Brightside's mission; and without the help of volunteer groups, and many other volunteers throughout the year, Brightside could not achieve our goals of a cleaner, greener Louisville.

Donor-funded and volunteer-driven since 1986, Brightside works to unite people in clean and green activities to beautify the city and foster community pride. We believe that a clean and green city promotes a high quality of life, which is deserved by all citizens.

Volunteers and community engagement are essential to Brightside's core values. Our community-wide cleanups have empowered thousands of volunteers to help remove litter throughout our city.

Brightside promotes sustainability through our long-standing education programs that spread our mission to future generations and prepare for a brighter tomorrow, while our green living program advocates and educates about everyday sustainable living practices. Our Brightsites and planting projects strengthen and support our native eco-system and tree canopy, while encouraging community involvement, pride in place, and economic development.

Brightside is unique because it functions as a public/private partnership, merging the resources of Metro government with those of private citizens. Being both a 501(c)3 and a government agency, this means that Metro government covers a portion of our administrative expenses, and all programs are run entirely on privately donated dollars.

*~ From Louisvilleky.gov*

## Fall Trip for Residents

Our Events Committee is checking into options for a fall trip this year for Watterson Park residents, but nothing has been confirmed. Watch for updates in our summer newsletter and on [WattersonParkKy.com](http://WattersonParkKy.com).

# Watterson Park Committees and Boards

To better serve our residents and businesses, we have established the committees and boards listed below. If you have a question or concern that falls under any of these categories, please contact one of the chairs/members listed.

## **BUSINESS LIAISONS COMMITTEE**

*Communication between the City and our business community*

Chairs: Mayor Linda Chesser (502.458.7613) • Councilwoman Tiffany Woodson (502.498.0542)

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

*Newsletter; website; City records*

Chair: Clerk Aggie Keefe (clerk.wattersonpark@gmail.com)

## **ETHICS BOARD**

*Assures that standards of ethical conduct and financial disclosure requirements for officers and employees of the City are established and met*

Members: Judy Allgeier (502.454.0149) • Steve Fortwengler (502.533.9466) • Thomas Wood (502.295.4178)

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

*Annual trip; Operation Brightside cleanups*

Chairs: Councilwoman Marlene Welsh (502.459.5244) • Councilwoman Tiffany Woodson (502.498.0542)

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Budget; audit; tax bills; monthly financial reports*

Chairs: Treasurer Jerry Wild (502.744.7177) • Councilwoman Gina Garrett (502.454.6669)

## **HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*MSD drainage; street lights; pest control*

Chair: Councilwoman Helen Arnold (502.452.6913)

## **PROPERTY VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE**

*Property maintenance; parking violations; illegal signs; tall grass & weeds; excessive noise*

Chair: Mayor Linda Chesser (502.458.7613)

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*Police patrol; crime; disaster preparedness*

Chairs: Councilman Brett Ashley (502.592.5854) • Mayor Linda Chesser (502.458.7613) • Councilman Phil Johnson (502.777.7693)

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

*Road work; signs; potholes; speed humps; snow removal*

Chairs: Councilman Brett Ashley (502.592.5854) • Mayor Linda Chesser (502.458.7613) • Councilman Phil Johnson (502.777.7693)

## **SANITATION COMMITTEE**

*Garbage, recycle & compost pickups; large trash pickups; sanitation contracts*

Chairs: Mayor Linda Chesser (502.458.7613) • Councilwoman Marlene Welsh (502.459.5244) • Councilwoman Tiffany Woodson (502.498.0542)

## **URBAN FORESTRY AND GREEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

*Tree planting & maintenance; lawn maintenance on rights-of-way & City-owned property; Tree City USA; Arbor Day*

Chairs: Mayor Linda Chesser (502.458.7613) • Councilwoman Gina Garrett (502.454.6669)

If your question or concern can't be addressed by any of the above, please contact the City via one of the avenues listed below. We will make every effort to reply in a timely manner.

**City of Watterson Park • P.O. Box 35334 • Louisville, KY 40232**

**Phone: 502.458.7613**

**Email: [WattersonParkInfo@att.net](mailto:WattersonParkInfo@att.net)**

## Spring

by William Blake

Sound the flute!  
Now it's mute.  
Birds delight  
Day and night;  
Nightingale  
In the dale,  
Lark in sky,  
Merrily,  
Merrily, merrily,  
to welcome in the year.

## City of Watterson Park

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## Crime Prevention Tip

When planning a vacation, 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.

~ From LMPD

Address any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter to:  
Aggie Keefe, Editor • City of Watterson Park • P.O. Box 35334 • Louisville, KY 40232  
WattersonParkInfo@att.net

## It's Grass-Cutting Season

Please don't leave grass clippings on the sidewalk or blow them into the street. These clippings can stop up the storm drains, preventing them from working properly. The clippings can also get into cracks in the street and sidewalk, causing grass and weeds to grow in them.

In addition, a traffic safety hazard can result when grass clippings are blown onto the streets. Freshly cut grass is slippery, which can cause a bicyclist or motorcyclist to lose traction and possibly crash. And once the clippings get wet from rain, that hazard is compounded.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure that your neighborhood is clean and safe, and to preserve and enhance home values in our City.



## Arbor Day 2019

On Saturday, April 13, Mayor Chesser read the City of Watterson Park's Arbor Day Proclamation and presented our Tree City USA flag and award. This is our 16th year as a Tree City USA!

## LMPD Sixth Division

The City of Watterson Park is in the Louisville Metro Police Department Sixth Division, located at 5600 Shepherdsville Road, Entrance Number 2, Louisville, KY 40218. The Division Commander is Major Michael Bogan. Their non-emergency number is 502.574.2187.

[WattersonParkKy.com](http://WattersonParkKy.com)