

Watterson Park Word

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From the Mayor



LIGHTS ON AND LOCK UP!

Your City Council and I would like to take this opportunity to give you some tips on how to better protect yourself and your property.

First, if your car or garage isn't locked, it isn't a break-in... it's a crime of opportunity.

On numerous occasions, we have distributed flyers about steps property owners can take to make their property more secure. Crime prevention tips and links to resources are posted on our City website. We have requested more police visibility through Louisville Metro Police, and we have contracted for additional police patrol through Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. There isn't much more we can do. The rest is up to you.

- Lights and locks discourage thieves.
- If your car is outside, lock it, and don't leave anything valuable in it.
- Even if your car is in the garage, lock it and lock your garage door as well.
- Invest in a motion-sensing light or dusk-to-dawn light.
- If you have gate access to your backyard, put a lock on the gate.
- If you are working in your yard, lock your doors and have a key handy.
- Keep your overhead garage door closed during the day. A large percentage of thieves will "case" your home prior to burglarizing it.
- Install a camera. Louisville Metro Police can use footage captured on video to help catch an intruder.
- A barking dog can be the best alarm. Convicted burglars who have been surveyed admitted that a barking dog will deter them from breaking into a home. Police and K-9 services experts agree.
- Talk to your neighbors and look out for each other.
- If you see someone whom you don't recognize walking through your neighborhood, monitor his or her movements.

It is up to you to protect your property. By keeping things locked, you can discourage thieves from coming around. If you see suspicious activity, call Police Dispatch at 574-2111 or 574-7111. Tell them you are in the 6th Division, Beat 3, and ask them to send an officer out.

If you witness a crime in progress, always CALL 911.

LIGHTS ON AND LOCK UP! We can't say that enough.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer!

Linda Chesser

It's the Law!

As a resident or business owner, you have a responsibility to maintain the appearance of your property so as not to diminish the value of other properties in your neighborhood.

Abandoned Vehicles: It is illegal to keep or store abandoned vehicles (inoperable, unlicensed, or vehicle parts) on residentially zoned property unless they are stored in an enclosed structure.

Front Yard Parking: It is illegal to park in the required front yard of residential property.

High Weeds and Grass: Officers from Metro Code Enforcement will issue a citation and an automatic \$100 fine to a property owner for grass or weeds higher than 10"; the fine for a second infraction will be \$200. If the citation is ignored, the fine can be increased to \$1,000. Louisville Metro is no longer sending out warning letters or notices.

Parking on Sidewalks: It is illegal to park vehicles on any portion of a public sidewalk.

Vehicle Repair Businesses: It is illegal to operate a vehicle repair business on residentially zoned property.

Heavy Trucks: It is illegal for heavy trucks (dual rear axles) to park in residentially zoned areas. This includes driveway and street parking of semi-trucks, trailers, and commercial vehicles.

Fence Heights: Fences can be up to 8 feet tall on side and rear yards and 4 feet tall in front yards. Fences or objects (shrubs, trees, etc.) on corner lots cannot be over 2 feet tall to allow proper vision at an intersection.

Display of Address Numbers: All residential properties in Jefferson County are required to display the appropriate address number. The numbers must be 4 inches in height and a different color from their background. They should be standard Arabic numbers.

Louisville Metro Rental Registry: Non-owner-occupied properties must be registered with the Louisville Metro Rental Registry so the property owner can be contacted by Code Enforcement in the event of an emergency or if there is a lack of general maintenance on the rental property. Failure to register is subject to a fine of up to \$100 per day per housing unit.

From Louisville Metro District 10

INTERVIEW WITH

JERRY WILD

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK TREASURER



Jerry Wild is the Treasurer for the City of Watterson Park, a position he has held since the City's inception. Jerry and his wife, Kathy, lived on Regina Lane for 47-plus years and loved the neighborhood and its central location. They moved two years ago to a patio home [with no steps] in Fern Creek. Fortunately, Jerry agreed to stay on as the City Treasurer, which is an appointed position.

How long have you worked as Treasurer for the City of Watterson Park?
Since March 1981, when the City was founded.

Tell us how you first got involved with Watterson Park.

I was invited by former Mayor Norman Liebert to help collect signatures from registered voters to form our own city. I believe we needed signatures from two-thirds of the voters to prevent annexation by the City of Louisville.



Jerry getting assistance from his grandson Colin while staying on top of Watterson Park business during a trip to Houston.

What does your job entail?

I collect and post tax payments, pay all invoices, payroll, taxes and returns, and financial statements. I attend City Council meetings, where I present the monthly treasurer's report and answer any questions related to it. I work closely with our CPA to prepare our annual audit. I also collaborate with our Mayor and City Attorney to draft our annual budget.

What do you like most about being Treasurer? Least?

I like all the accounting functions as well as everyone associated with the City. I dislike that I now live so far away from the area.

You retired from Advance Ready Mix Concrete several years ago. What did you do and how long were you employed there?

I was Accounting Manager and retired in August 2016 after 25 years.

What is your proudest accomplishment — personal or professional?

Graduating from the University of Louisville after taking classes at night, while working full-time and being married with two small children.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Kathy, and I will be married 50 years in October. We have three children — Alan, Laura, and Kevin — and eight grandchildren, all living out of town.

What are your hobbies? What do you like to do in your free time?

I read a lot, mostly detective books. I play golf in a senior league. And Kathy and I spend many evenings talking and dining out with friends and neighbors.

You and Kathy love to travel. Tell us about some of the places you've visited. What has been your favorite place to visit so far?



Jerry and Kathy enjoying their European trip in the spring of 2017.

Shortly after I retired, we traveled to Europe for a three-week bus tour that included all the highlights, followed by 10 days in Scotland and Ireland. We made lifelong friendships on that trip. We've also cruised around Cape Horn [the southern

tip of South America] and we did a trans-continental cruise from England to New York. My favorite was the European bus trip.

“ I’m not the person I want to be, but I’m better than the one I used to be. I’m always trying to make this version better.”

What is the most daring thing you've ever done?

I don't do daring.

Do you have a favorite family tradition?

Probably celebrating Thanksgiving with extended family, but many have passed away so that tradition is dying out.

What is your favorite movie?

Schindler's List.

Who is your favorite author, and what is your favorite book?

I enjoy Sue Grafton and Michael Connelly. Currently I would say my favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird.*



Jerry briefly piloting the *CQ Princess* out of Captain's Quarters at his retirement party.

What college or professional sports do you watch? Is there a specific team that you follow?

I like college sports best, especially football. I mostly follow the University of Louisville.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I'm not the person I want to be, but I'm better than the one I used to be. I'm always trying to make this version better.

What is on your personal wish list for the next five years?

To grow stronger in my faith is most important.

You can meet Jerry as well as Council members, the Mayor, the Clerk, and our City Attorney at our legislative meetings on the second Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held either virtually via Zoom or in-person at the Kentucky Farm Bureau, 4200 Gardiner View Avenue. Check our website, WattersonParkKy.com, each month for meeting updates.

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Sanitation

Below is the City of Watterson Park's sanitation calendar for the second half of 2021. All pickups are on Friday. Recycling is collected every other week (highlighted in blue); yard waste is picked up the opposite week. Garbage is collected every week.

The next large-trash pickup is scheduled for October 16, 2021.

Please contact Republic Services to schedule a bulk item, to report a problem, or for more information.

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2021 Watterson Park Sanitation Collections

July 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Holiday Recycling Collection