

# Watterson Park Word

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## Watterson Park City Council Meetings

The City of Watterson Park’s legislative meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Pursuant to the state-wide public health emergency demanding social distancing declared by Governor Andy Beshear, and because it is not currently possible for the City to provide safe and sanitary meeting room conditions to conduct in-person meetings, we are holding our legislative meetings via Zoom, an online meeting platform, until further notice. Prior to each meeting, we will update our website with the meeting details.

## From the Mayor



You might find it surprising to learn that during the recent humanitarian and economic crises, your Watterson Park Council has been conducting business as usual, albeit with one caveat: our meetings have been conducted via Zoom, an online meeting platform. As with our in-person meetings, you are invited to attend these as well. Links to our Zoom meetings can be found on our website, [WattersonParkKy.com](http://WattersonParkKy.com).

We recently solicited bids for sanitation services and awarded the contract to Republic Services, thereby saving your City \$14,000 over the course of the two-year contract. *(Relevant sanitation information can be found on the following pages.)*

We continue to work with our attorney, MSD, Norfolk Southern Corporation, and affected business owners to address and hopefully remedy the flooding issues on Stober Road.

With the expert guidance of arborist Cindi Sullivan, several trees have been planted and tree-identifying markers are being installed on the 1/6-mile Lillian Wild Walking Path.

We are working through our engineers with Metro Public Works, HDR Inc., and Louisville Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill to construct a sidewalk on Newburg Road from Larkmoor Lane to Louisville Metro Animal Services.

We have signed contracts with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping for mowing rights-of-way and overall tree maintenance for the season. In addition, County Wide has removed dead trees and stumps throughout the City.

Working closely with our treasurer and City attorney, I proposed a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It was approved by your City Council and will take effect July 1.

Finally, I would like to remind you to follow the social-distancing guidelines established by Metro Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. Our entire community must work together to manage the threat and impact of this pandemic and to ensure a pragmatic solution.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer!

*Linda Chesson*

## State and Local Coronavirus Resources

Your state and local governments offer an abundance of helpful information regarding COVID-19.

Louisville Metro’s website provides the most current COVID-19 local news with links to local and state resources. The number of cases and deaths in Louisville Metro is updated daily. You can also find information on prevention, practicing social distancing, and how to assist the most vulnerable. You can reach Louisville Metro Customer Service by calling **MetroCall 311** or **502.584.5000**.

Kentucky’s COVID-19 hotline, **(800) 722-5725**, is a service operated by healthcare professionals at the Kentucky Poison Control Center who can provide advice and answer questions. Please be patient, as they are handling a high volume of calls and want to give everyone the time they deserve. For general information, please review the website, [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov), prior to calling the hotline. Guidance is being added as it becomes available. For general inquires, please email [KYcovid19@ky.gov](mailto:KYcovid19@ky.gov).

Both Governor Beshear and Mayor Fischer offer daily briefings that are aired on your local television stations as well as live-streamed.

Watterson Park has received a number of complaints regarding community cats. Several residents have replaced their mulch with decorative rock because the cats are using the mulch for their litter box. Residents are finding cat feces in their gardens, flower beds, and yards. They have also had to put their chair cushions away so they don't get clawed or covered with cat hair.

Cats can easily scale a six-foot privacy fence, so fencing isn't a solution. Metro Louisville has a law that requires you to pick up after your dog; unfortunately, this does not apply to community cats.

Sergeant McMichael with Metro Animal Services and I have discussed the over-population of community cats in Watterson Park. Some – but not all – of the cats have been spayed or neutered by Alley Cats. Providing food and shelter will attract other stray cats, and these stray cats may not have been spayed or neutered. [The average mature cat can have 3 litters with a total of 12 kittens per year. Out of those litters of kittens, about 4.7 of them are females which, in turn, means they will most likely have litters of their own.

These numbers are eye-openers when you think about the number of stray cats running around that are not spayed or neutered. A single pair of cats and their kittens can produce as many as 420,000 kittens in just 7 years.] ~ *Animal Rescue Professionals website.*

A possible solution for the cat feces is to purchase a kiddie pool, fill it with sand, and let it serve as a litter box. It would need to be cleaned out regularly, just as you would do for an indoor cat. This may help keep the cats from doing their business in your neighbor's landscaping. But it doesn't take care of the cats reproducing.

If you have a cat that needs to be spayed or neutered, contact Metro Animal Services, 3516 Newburg Road, 502.473.7387, and discuss what options are available during this time.

~ Mayor Linda Chesser



We'll handle it from here.®

## New Sanitation Services Provider

Your City Council has selected **REPUBLIC SERVICES** as your new waste, recycling, and yard waste provider beginning **JULY 1, 2020**.

**REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL BEGIN DELIVERY OF NEW CARTS ON JUNE 22. FIRST PICK-UP WILL BE JULY 3.**

Place all Rumpke carts out on **JUNE 26**, as this will be the last pickup by Rumpke and they will be picking up their carts along with your garbage on this date.

Republic Services' service guidelines can be found on page 3. See page 4 for contact information as well as a calendar for recycling and yard waste.

***Please be patient as we transition to the new carrier.***



*Resident and Councilwoman Helen Arnold displays green lights on her residence to show support for COVID-19 victims. If you are exhibiting compassion lights on your home and would like to share them with us, please send your pictures to [WattersonParkInfo@att.net](mailto:WattersonParkInfo@att.net) and we will be glad to post them on our website.*

# Republic Services

## RECYCLING & WASTE SERVICE GUIDE

Effective July 1, 2020

### Basic Services and Schedule

#### Trash Collection Is Weekly

Republic Services will provide residential homes with two (2) 95-gallon or comparable wheeled carts. Residents of Fort Bluegrass will be provided one (1) 95-gallon or comparable wheeled cart. Use of carts is required, as we are an automated service. Carts will be serviced at the curb and should be out the night before or by 6 a.m.

#### Recycling Collection Is Bi-Weekly on Friday

Republic Services will supply residential homes with one (1) 95-gallon or comparable wheeled cart. Service is every other week on Friday. Cart will be serviced at the curb and should be out the night before or by 6 a.m.

#### Yard Waste Collection Is Bi-Weekly on Friday

Republic Services will service yard waste every other week on Friday for residential homes. The collection week will be opposite the recycling week. Service will be at the curb and cart should be put out the night before or by 6 a.m.

#### Bulk Item Collection Is on Trash Day

One household bulk item is allowed per week. Items must be scheduled in advance by calling 502.638.9000 or through our Republic Services app.

#### Observed Holidays

New Year's Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day  
If regular service falls on a holiday (not the observance but the actual holiday), service will be delayed one day.

**Recycling Guidelines:** Properly prepare your recyclables by rinsing and flattening (if possible). Do not bundle or bag. Plastic lids, bottle caps, and labels are okay to leave on.

#### Recycling Items:

- All plastic bottles and containers (#1 - #7)
- Wide-mouth plastic containers and lids/Rigid plastics
- Mixed paper, newspapers with inserts, junk mail
- Computer and office paper, colored paper, envelopes
- Gift wrapping paper (without foil backing)
- Magazines, telephone books, paperback books
- Cardboard, gift boxes, shoe boxes (flattened)
- Pizza, cereal and food boxes (no food debris)
- Milk and juice cartons and boxes (must be empty)
- Aluminum cans, steel cans (including lids)
- Aluminum foil (no food debris)
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Empty aerosol cans (no paint cans)

### Guidelines

#### Trash

- Please bag all trash prior to placing in carts.
- Carts should be placed no less than 3 feet from any objects, including other carts.
- Do not lean or place other items against the carts.

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#### Yard Waste

- Use provided cart, yard waste bags, or tied bundles not to exceed a total of 15. Bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length and 50 lbs.; limbs may not exceed 6 inches in diameter. Cart must be identified as yard waste. Stickers are available upon request. No plastic bags are allowed.

#### Acceptable Bulk Items:

- Furniture and appliances: All mattresses, box springs, and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
- White goods (A/C units, refrigerators, freezers, etc.) must have Freon® removed by a licensed technician and must be tagged.
- Outdoor goods such as patio furniture, grills, etc.
- Broken down boxes (bundled and tied).

#### Unacceptable Bulk Items:

- Commercially generated brush and landscape materials.
- Bricks, concrete, dirt, shingles, and tree trunks.
- Remodeling, construction, and demolition debris.
- Cardboard boxes filled with debris.

#### Non-Acceptable Recycling Items:

- Plastic bags, plastic film, or wrap
- Polystyrene foam
- Waxed cardboard
- Rubber or tires
- Hazardous waste, electronics, and paint
- Glassware or light bulbs
- Clothing or fabric
- Household garbage or food waste
- Batteries
- Ropes, hoses, tarps, or wire
- Medical syringes

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Please park your vehicles in your driveway on sanitation pick-up days. Vehicles parked on the street pose maneuverability issues for the large sanitation trucks. In addition, the provider could refuse to pick up at that location because of a potential hazard.

*Your cooperation is appreciated!*

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

**2020 Watterson Park Collections**

Recycling is collected every other week. Yard waste is the opposite week.



**JUNE 23, 2020**

Kentucky's primary election takes place on June 23, 2020, to determine which candidates will run in the general election on November 3, 2020.

In-person voting at the Election Center on West Ormsby is available June 18–22 by appointment only for those who are unable to vote by mail. Call 502.574.6100 to schedule an appointment.

In-person voting at the Kentucky Expo Center is available June 15–19 and June 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Election Day, June 23, all in-person voting is at the Expo Center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mail-in ballots need to be postmarked no later than June 23 and received by June 26.

Semi-annual large trash pick-ups will take place on the following dates:  
October 17, 2020 | April 17, 2021 | October 16, 2021 | April 16, 2022

Please contact Republic Services to schedule a bulk item, report a problem, or for more information: Phone: 502.638.9000  
Website: www.RepublicServices.com • App: Republic Services