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LMPD 6th Division News

- We received more awards than any other division at the 2022 LMPD awards ceremony.
- The ShotSpotter system is being installed by LG&E in the Newburg neighborhood.
- License plate readers are being set up at interstate exits.
- We have 6 new officers, for a total of 54.
- We arrested 2 suspects in the recent “double tappers” robberies.
- This year: 5 of 8 shootings have been solved; there have been 4 homicides; we have confiscated 41 guns, made 332 arrests, and issued 174 traffic citations.

502.574.2187

louisville-police.org/174/Sixth-Division

From the Mayor



The recent wave of homebuying is pushing real estate prices in Louisville to all-time highs, contributing to the record prices at which Watterson Park’s homes are currently selling. We must also give credit to you, our residents and business owners, who maintain your property with a sense of responsibility and pride. Combined with the endeavors of our City Council, your hard work affords our City a feeling of community and safety usually experienced only in small towns. Overall, our collective efforts have helped make Watterson Park appealing to a prospective buyer or investor.

There continues to be new business development in Watterson Park as well. The Resurrection Lutheran Church activity building at 4209 Gardiner View Avenue now houses **Pickleball Euphoria**. **Independence Bank** has opened a branch at 1900 Colonel Sanders Lane. **Biomedical Equipment Services (BMES)** opened its national repair center at 3405 Robards Court. **Louisville Metro** moved their EMS unit to 4106 Eastmoor Road. **Louisville Countertop** plans to construct an office/warehouse at 4819 Poplar Level Road. The property at **1234 Gardiner Lane** has a potential new tenant. Whether you’re expanding an existing business or starting a new one, we offer affordable real estate, a strategic location, a safe environment, and a low tax rate.

We invite our residents and businesses alike to share success stories and offer recognition to those who selflessly contribute to the betterment of our community. In future newsletters and on our website, we will be featuring residents and business owners/employees who have gone above and beyond but who might otherwise go unnoticed and unrewarded. We encourage your input. Please see pages 2 and 4 for details. For more information, email wattersonparkinfo@att.net.

The City of Watterson Park strives continually to improve the quality of life for our residents and businesses. Thank you for doing your part to help us meet this goal.

2022 Property Assessments [from jeffersonpva.ky.gov]

The Jefferson County PVA is preparing for 2022 property assessments in Watterson Park. Increasing public understanding of property assessments and the right to appeal is a top priority of Property Valuation Administrator Colleen Younger.

The role of the PVA is to fairly assess the value of all property. This is an important part of the process used to determine the taxes collected to fund our cities, school districts, and emergency services. We do our best to determine accurate median property value for comparable homes, but we don’t know every detail of all properties. The condition of a home could mean it falls substantially below or above the median value. That’s why it’s so important that residents know about their right to appeal.

Attendance at our public meetings is extremely important, because the first step of the appeals process in 2022 is available from April 22 to May 16.

To learn more about the assessment process and your right to appeal, join the PVA either in person or via Zoom at one of our hybrid community meetings on April 7. For more information, you can contact the PVA via the following:

phone: 502.574.6380 • email: pva@jeffersonpva.ky.gov • website: jeffersonpva.ky.gov



**"Where flowers bloom
so does hope."**

~ Lady Bird Johnson

Springtime

by *Blanche Black*

In the glow of the dawn,
Welcome a new day,
Greet the golden sunlight or rain,
Nature in all its subtlety.

Whip of the wind,
Earth unfolds,
Softly falling rain,
Growing plants and buds blossoming.

Visions of the earth, with glories of
nature,
Beauty of the daffodils,
Sunshine and rain from a rainbow,
Awe! Nature in full bloom.

Rising in early morn
Birds with note loud and musical
Lustrous species adorned with rich
bicolors glowing,
Attracting attention from movements
of character unvarying.

Birds building nests in the spring,
Sound of sweet melody, humming
birds sing,
Sunshine spreading a colorful blanket,
'Tis the perfect joy of spring!

With Louisville Forward, Small Business Support Is Just a Click Away

Small businesses drive the local economy, providing jobs and stability for families and accounting for approximately two-thirds of the jobs in our workforce. Small businesses also provide most of the necessary services in neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for those residents.

In a time when small businesses are able to see the light of survival as we make our way out of COVID's economic impact, access to small business support and resources is critical. Louisville Forward's Small Business Development team is here to connect small business owners with the tools and resources needed to help create sustainability in the long term as well as solutions for today's challenges. Strategic planning, one-on-one coaching, educational workshops, and financial programs are some of the resources available at no cost.

To inquire about resources and assistance for your small business, call **502.574.4140** or go to **louisvilleky.gov/smallbusiness**.

[from Louisvilleky.gov and Louisville Metro District 10 E-News]



Independence Bank Opens Branch in Watterson Park



As one of the fastest growing banks in Kentucky and the fifth largest, Independence Bank is proud to expand into Louisville and Watterson Park. The Bank brings an exceptional model of customer service and keeps community involvement at its core. Last year, we gave back more than \$1.2 million to various charitable causes, ultimately going forward by giving back.

Independence Bank is a regional community bank with 27 locations throughout Kentucky. We have been recognized in multiple categories by the American Bankers Association, including being named a Top Performing Bank and Best Bank to Work For for 12 consecutive years and a Best Place to Work in Kentucky for 12 years. We have assets totaling \$3.1 billion.

As a whole, we possess the size and experience to serve the largest and most complex clients in our markets. Our expertise is as diverse as the markets we serve. We constantly invest in the newest products and technologies so our products and services match up to the big banks. So, whether your financial needs are related to personal, agriculture, manufacturing, or service industries, we can accommodate you.

1900 Colonel Sanders Lane, Louisville, KY 40213
502.313.6776 • 1776bank.com



DO YOU KNOW A WATTERSON PARK BUSINESS OWNER OR EMPLOYEE WHO GOES THE EXTRA MILE AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY? IF SO, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO WATTERSONPARKINFO@ATT.NET AND LET US KNOW. WE WOULD LOVE TO FEATURE HIM OR HER IN AN UPCOMING NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Free Tax Preparation for Eligible Residents

The Louisville Asset Building Coalition's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax Aide programs provide trained, IRS-certified volunteers to offer free tax services online or at select drop-off sites.



VITA is available to individuals and families who earned less than \$66,000 in 2021. This year, due to the COVID pandemic, several of the VITA sites will prepare in-person free tax filing by appointments only, and most of the sites will provide free tax filing through drop-off services. Individuals can visit getyourrefund.org to have their taxes prepared online. To schedule an appointment for in-person tax assistance, go to louisvillekyvita.cascheduler.com or call 502.305.0005. For more details, including days and hours of drop off services and VITA locations, go to labcservices.org.

AARP Tax-Aide's mission is to serve any person who comes through the door, with special attention to those 60 and older. AARP Tax Aide is open at nine sites by drop-off appointments only. General phone service is not available. For updates including online filing options, go to aarp-tax-aide-lou.org or email LouTaxAide@gmail.com.

Human Trafficking — You Could Save a Life!

Do you know the indicators of human trafficking? You could save a life. Go to humantraffickinghotline.org for details.

If you believe you may have information about a potential trafficking situation, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733 or BeFree.



From the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress; prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones; and best practices for professionals.

Call 1-800-273-TALK; or to live chat, go to suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

Confidential crisis help
for Veterans and their families

Dial 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1
Text to 838255
Chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net

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Assistance Fund for Qualifying Homeowners

In partnership with Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), Governor Andy Beshear launched the **Team Kentucky Homeowner Assistance Fund**, a program that can help homeowners who have been impacted by the pandemic rebound and avoid foreclosure.

The program is funded through \$85.4 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds that the Commonwealth received to protect homeowners impacted by COVID-19.

Qualifying homeowners can visit TeamKYHAF.ky.gov to apply for up to \$35,000 in assistance to help with delinquent mortgage payments, property taxes, homeowner's and/or flood insurance, homeowners association fees, and utility costs. If approved, the funds will be paid as a grant directly to mortgage servicers, utility companies, county property tax administrators, insurance agencies, or homeowners associations.

Go to ProtectMyKYHome.org for eligibility requirements, required documentation, and a detailed description of the program.

Property Maintenance

In Louisville Metro, it is the responsibility of the person living in a home to keep the front and rear of the property clean. This area extends from the middle of the street out front to the middle of any alleyways to the rear or side of the property. This applies to litter as well as plants and trees that could impede the alleyway or street. Inspections, Permits and Licenses (IPL) could cite and possibly impose a fine if you've got a lot of debris and plant overgrowth.

In addition, Watterson Park has a nuisance ordinance that limits the height of grass and weeds on your property.

Thank you for adhering to the local property maintenance codes and for keeping a clean neighborhood.

Check out District 10's website — louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council-district-10 — for a wealth of information, including current events, district maps, emergency alerts, crime tracking, contact information, and E-News.

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Spring drew on...
and a greenness grew
over those brown beds,
which, freshening daily,
suggested the thought that
Hope traversed them at night,
and left each morning
brighter traces of her steps.

from *Jane Eyre*,
by Charlotte Brontë

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Good Citizen Award



Watterson Park has established a Good Citizen Award program as a means to recognize those Watterson Park residents whose efforts have contributed to the success of our community.

Nominees must reside in Watterson Park; elected officials do not qualify for this award. All applications will be reviewed by our City Council and recipients will be notified. Winners will be featured in our newsletter and on our website.

If you would like to nominate someone who has made a difference in your neighborhood, go to wattersonparkky.com/citizens.html and follow the instructions under Good Citizen Award.

Address any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter to:
Aggie Keefe, Editor • clerk@wattersonparkky.com

Candidate Filing Deadline

The candidate filing deadline for nonpartisan elections of the City of Watterson Park's Mayor and Councilmembers is

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Candidates can find filing forms and instructions at elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org.

Select "Forms and Reports" then "Candidate Filing Forms" from the dropdown list.

Completed forms along with the filing fee can be dropped off or mailed to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Large Trash Pickup – April 16

PLACE ITEMS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN 6 A.M.

Acceptable Items:

- Furniture and appliances. NOTE: 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 and grills.
- Broken down boxes (bundled and tied).

Unacceptable Items:

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

For general sanitation guidelines, go to WattersonParkKy.com or call Republic Services at 502.638.9000.



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