Watterson Park Word

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We encourage you to attend our City Council meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Jefferson County Farm Bureau, 4200 Gardiner View Avenue.

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Letter from the Mayor

Dear Resident:

We are proud to announce our 30TH ANNIVERSARY as an entity from Jefferson County, Kentucky.

March 10, 1981, is a date we all remember – the date on which we officially became a Fifth Class City. From our humble beginnings in 1981 to the present, we have accomplished many things, a few of which I have outlined in this letter.

We have constructed a half-million dollar road about a half-mile in length to relieve a traffic safety problem in a residential area and to provide new access to the business community as well.

We provide excellent sanitation, recycling and composting services.

The City has lighted all City of Watterson Park streets. We remove snow and salt City streets in all snow emergencies and remove storm debris as well.

In 1995, we started a City-wide tree planting program. We hired an arborist – Paul Clinton of Beechwood Trees and Gardens – to come up with an audit of trees in the City and to give us a development plan of design for us to follow to maximize the beautification of the City. Since then, we have approved approximately \$350,000 for trees and their maintenance. The program is ongoing, with Councilwoman Lillian Wild in charge. Since the inception of our tree program, we have been honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City U.S.A." for the last ten years.

In November 2010, the City built a walking path on our City property at Gardiner Lane and Gardiner View Drive. (See more information about this walking path on page 3.)

We strive to provide to our residents and business community the best services available. All the amenities we provide improve the quality of life in our City and make it a great place to live and work.

Respectfully,

Journan R. Liebert, Mayor

Trip to Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

The City of Watterson Park is sponsoring a trip to Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden on April 30, 2011, for City of Watterson Park residents. You might remember that we last visited the Cincinnati Zoo in 2006. The City will furnish transportation by chartered bus to and from the Zoo, pay for Zoo admission and provide lunch and drinks for all participants.

We will meet at the parking lot between the Colonel Sanders Technical Institute and the Sullivan University Residential Hall on Gardiner Lane (former Holiday Inn) no later than 9:30 a.m. From there, the bus will take us to our City property at Gardiner Lane and Gardiner View Drive where our arborist, Paul Clinton, will plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day 2011. Afterwards, we will depart for the Zoo. We should arrive back to the same location in Louisville by 4 p.m.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 RESPONDENTS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE BY MARCH 18.





The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is one of the finest horticultural display gardens in the country. The plant collections are a unique blend of gardens and exhibits that demonstrate the diversity of plants and their relationship to humans and animals. Over

3,000 kinds of plants provide informative and educational resources for all plant enthusiasts. Exploring the Garden each season provides a new and changing look in the landscape. Bright vivid spring flowers, including 80,000 tulips and thousands of flowering

trees and shrubs, transition to a lush and vibrant summer landscape. Autumn is adorned with brilliant colors giving way to winter's brightly colored fruits and berries and a clear view of the impressive architecture of regal trees

throughout the Garden. A visit to the Zoo is a global adventure where exhibits simulate natural habitats for animals and plants. Exploring the Garden is a walk through tropical rainforests, an African savanna, Florida swamps, the Arctic tundra and the native eastern American woodlands, to name a few. While exploring the world, be sure to visit some of our specialty plant display gardens.



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TRIP RESPONSE FORM

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden - April 30, 2011

Name(s) of those attending from your residence*:				
ddress:				
hone Number:				

Return no later than March 18 to Mrs. Lillian Wild, 4320 Milldaun Road, Louisville, KY 40213.

*Note: WE WILL HAVE LIMITED ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS WITH MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS. If you have special mobility needs, please contact us at 458-7613 to discuss your situation.

The Lillian Wild Walking Path

The City of Watterson Park now has a walking path, which was completed in November of 2010. The path is located on Gardiner Lane at Gardiner View Drive and is one-sixth of a mile long. We hope residents, visitors and area workers will use the track for fitness or for a peaceful, leisurely stroll with a friend.

The track has been duly named "The Lillian Wild Walking Path" after Councilperson Lillian Wild. Mrs. Wild is a founding member of our City Council and was instrumental in the design and development of this path. In addition, as the director of our tree program, she has worked closely with our arborist to arrange for the planting of some 450 trees and 75 shrubs throughout our City.

We will be planting trees around the walking path in the spring of this year and one tree thereafter annually in celebration of Arbor Day. You might want to join us there at 9:30 a.m on April 30 to plant this year's Arbor Day tree.

~Submitted by Mary Ann Liebert

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•	Animal Control	363-6609
	County Clerk	574-5700
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	Louisville Water Company	
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ï	Metro Parks	456-8100
	MSD (sewers)	587-0603
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Property Upkeep

As stated in Councilman Jim King's Fall 2010 District 10 Newsletter, the number one complaint in our district is property upkeep. It takes the cooperation of every resident to make our community a desirable place in which to live. Well-maintained property will have a positive impact on property value.

Below are some violations that have been brought to the attention of our City Council.

Front Yard Parking -

It is illegal to park vehicles in the required front yard of a residential property. We have had several complaints regarding residents parking in their front yards. Not only does this have a negative impact on the neighborhood, but it is illegal.

Parking Too Close to STOP Signs -

Vehicles parked within 50 feet of a STOP sign can be ticketed. Parking too close to a STOP sign makes it necessary for a vehicle approaching the sign to veer into the oncoming lane, which is a safety issue.

~ submitted by Linda Chesser

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The City's next large trash pick-up is SATURDAY, APRIL 16. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners must have freon removed and tagged by a licensed technician before being picked up. Place your items at the curb no later than 6 a.m.

SPEED BUMPS

The speed bumps on Champions Trace were completed in the nick of time before our bad weather arrived. Slowing down the traffic through this intersection – especially the big trucks – will make driving a lot safer for the residents and the non-residents who use the road.

The acorn lights on Bantam Court and Champions Trace illuminate the areas nicely, giving them an avenue appearance and making them safer.

~ submitted by Marlene Welsh