

Watterson Park Word

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From the Mayor



Keeping Our City Safe

You may have noticed a more pronounced presence of law enforcement personnel on our City streets during the past few weeks. After months of careful research, Watterson Park retained the services of Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) for off-duty patrol of our City residential streets and businesses. These officers will enhance – not replace – the services currently being provided by the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD), offering

additional security to deter criminal activities.

Kentuckiana Law Enforcement specializes in providing security services through the utilization of sworn, off-duty law enforcement officers. These officers are certified by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and are carefully screened to ensure safe, reliable, discreet service.

The law enforcement officers utilized by KLE will be in both marked and unmarked vehicles, and the patrol schedule will vary from day to day. You will continue to call 911 in the event of an emergency, and dispatch will send the closest officer – LMPD or KLE – to your home or business.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

City of Watterson Park

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 12 • 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Holy Family Church
COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES

Families and Addiction

Prevention, early detection, and intervention

~ FREE Workshop ~

Target Audience:

Adults and teenagers interested in learning more about addiction and the effects on our families and communities. Learn prevention and early detection interventions.

Presenter:

Patrick Fogarty and guest

May 21, 2018 • 7 p.m.

Holy Family Saffin Center, Reidi Room
3934 Poplar Level Road

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be installed on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Test your alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is still working.
- Alarm batteries should be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps" or "beeps" to indicate low batteries, replace the batteries immediately.
- You should replace all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they reach 10 years old or stop working.
- Practice fire drills with your family members. Have an emergency escape plan, including a designated meeting spot outside your home. Because seconds count, know two ways out of your home!

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

~ William Shakespeare

"Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own."

~ Charles Dickens

"Spring's greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out."

~ Edgar Guest

"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer."

~ Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

~ Lewis Grizzard

"Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul."

~ Luther Burbank

"Can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of spring?"

~ Neltje Blanchan

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

~ Margaret Atwood

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

~ Robin Williams

"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

~ Susan J. Bissonette

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

~ Lewis Grizzard

"Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!"

~ Sitting Bull

"Deep in their roots, all flowers keep the light."

~ Theodore Roethke



Spring cleaning

IN AND AROUND THE HOUSE

If you are going to be doing some spring cleaning, take a look around your house for items that present environmental hazards when they are improperly disposed of. Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.

- **Springtime Recycling Activities** – Recycle all year long, but in the spring there are special things that you can do in your yard, such as composting.

- **Recycling Around the Home** – Reduce, reuse, and recycle materials and decrease the amount and toxicity of the waste produced in and around your home.

IN YOUR GARDEN

A beautiful and healthy lawn is good for our environment. It can resist damage from weeds, disease, and insect pests.

- **Develop healthy soil.** Make sure your soil has the right pH balance, key nutrients, and good texture. You can buy easy-to-use soil analysis kits at hardware stores; or contact your local County Cooperative Extension Service for a soil analysis.

- **Choose the right grass for your climate.** Select grass seed that is well suited to your climate and other growing conditions, such as the amount of sunlight and rain your lawn receives. Your local County Extension Service can advise you on which grasses grow best in your area.

- **Longer is better.** Make sure the lawn mower blades are sharp. Grass that is slightly long makes a strong, healthy lawn with few pest problems.

- **Water early.** It is time to water if footprint impressions stay in the lawn and do not spring back. Water early in the morning for short periods of time so the soil can absorb the water.

- **Correct thatch buildup.** Thatch is a layer of dead plant materials between the grass blades and the soil. When thatch gets too thick, deeper than 3/4 of an inch, water and nutrients are prevented from getting into the soil and reaching the roots of the grass.

- **Recycle grass.** Don't pick up the grass clippings after you mow. Clippings will return nutrients and moisture to the soil. Consider buying a mulching lawn mower.

- **Let your lawn breathe.** Once a year, remove small plugs of earth to allow air and water to aerate the grass roots.

- **Use manual tools.** Tools that don't require electric or gasoline engines are especially handy for small yards or small jobs.

~ from epa.gov

Trip to Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden



The City of Watterson Park is sponsoring a trip to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden on **JUNE 9, 2018**, for our residents. We will furnish transportation by chartered bus to and from the Zoo, pay for admissions, and provide Zoo Bucks for lunches and drinks.

Participants should meet at the Church of Christ, 4204 Gardiner View Avenue, no later than 8:30 a.m. [The Church has given us permission to park our vehicles in their parking lot.] We will arrive back at that location around 6:30 p.m.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY MAY 11.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 56 RESPONDENTS.

If you would like to attend, fill out and return the form on page 4 of this newsletter by **MAY 11**.

The Zoological Society of Cincinnati was founded in 1873 and officially opened its doors in 1875, making the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden the second oldest Zoo in the United States. The Zoo's original animal collection was very small, originally consisting of just eight monkeys, two grizzly bears, three deer, six raccoons, two elk, a buffalo, a hyena, a tiger, an alligator, a circus elephant, and over four hundred birds, including a talking crow. The Zoo was founded on 65 acres in the middle of the city, and since then has acquired some of the surrounding blocks and several reserves in Cincinnati's suburbs.



The Zoo was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1987 due to its significant architecture featured in the Elephant House, the Reptile House, and the Passenger Pigeon Memorial. The Zoo's

Reptile House is the oldest existing Zoo building in the country, dating from 1875.



Part of the public school system in Cincinnati since 1975, the Zoo hosts a four-year college preparatory program – Zoo Academy. The Cincinnati Zoo is proud to serve as the leading non-formal science educator in Southwest Ohio. Over 300,000 students participate in the Zoo's educational programs annually.

The Zoo has long been successful at breeding, starting with trumpeter swans and sea lions back in the 1880s. The Lindner Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW) was founded in 1986 to strengthen the tradition. The research conducted here has made the Cincinnati Zoo an international leader in the protection and

propagation of endangered animals and plants around the world.

Rated by peer zoological parks as one of the best zoos in the nation, the Cincinnati Zoo continues to set the standard for conservation, education and preservation of wild animals and wild spaces. More than 1.5 million people visit the Zoo annually. The Zoo features more than 500 animal and 3,000 plant species, making it one of the largest Zoo collections in the country.



MISSION

The mission and vision of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is dedicated to creating adventure, conveying knowledge, conserving nature, and serving the community.

from CincinnatiZoo.org

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LENSAlert

Louisville Metro Emergency Services has teamed up with Bullitt, Oldham, and Washington Counties to create LENSAlert: Louisville Emergency Notification System. Its enhanced capabilities include using various communications modes – mobile phones, landlines, email, text, social media, IPAWS-OPEN – to send alerts. Take another step in being prepared for disasters and sign up for LENSAlert today.

Smart911

In addition to receiving notifications, individuals can create a Safety Profile for themselves and their household that can include any information they want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. When individuals make an emergency call, their Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right responders to the correct location with pertinent information.

Address any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter to:
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Trip Response Form

CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN – JUNE 9, 2018

~ Must include ALL information requested below. ~

Name(s) of those attending from your residence: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email (if available): _____

RETURN BY MAY 11 TO MARLENE WELSH, 1723 LARKMOOR LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40218.

NOTE: Oxygen containers cannot be taken on or under the bus due to the danger of exploding.

WE WILL HAVE LIMITED ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS WITH MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS; IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS, PLEASE CONTACT MARLENE WELSH AT 459-5244 TO DISCUSS YOUR SITUATION.