

Watterson Park Word

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From the Mayor



Summertime may be a time of relaxation and renewal for many of you, but the season hasn't slowed down your City Council. Below are highlights of some of the projects and issues that we have been addressing.

- We have been working diligently with our engineers, MSD, Norfolk Southern, and affected business owners to remedy the flooding issues on Stober Road.
- We recently entered into a uniform franchise agreement for telecommunications services with MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corporation; and we signed a right-of-way usage franchise agreement with Charter Communications relating to communications services in Watterson Park.
- Working closely with our City attorney and our treasurer, we passed our budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.
- We have been monitoring the LG&E gas reliability project. All mainline installation has been completed. They are now working on service installation on the remaining residential streets. The final phase of the project will be paving impacted roadways.
- I met with the new property owner and the property manager of the former Verst Group at 1234 Gardiner Lane, now Gardiner KY LP, regarding our ongoing concerns with the bordering fence as well as with idling semis. I was assured that both of these concerns will be addressed by the new owners.
- We continue to review the monthly Small City Activity reports from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement—our off-duty patrol provider—and make adjustments to the schedule whenever warranted.
- We considered options and decided on the Louisville Zoo for our annual trip. **Please see information as well as a registration form on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.**

We invite and encourage you to attend our legislative meetings, which are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the upstairs board room at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, 4200 Gardiner View Avenue.

Enjoy your summer!

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Lights On and Lock Up!

- Lock your vehicle, even if it is in your garage, and don't leave anything valuable in it. Also lock your garage door.
- Keep your overhead garage door closed during the day, as thieves can walk by and take a visual inventory of your belongings.
- If you have gate access to your backyard, put a lock on the gate.
- Invest in a motion light or dusk-to-dawn light. Install a camera or a home security device.
- If you are working in your yard, lock your doors and keep a key with you.
- Talk to your neighbors and look out for each other.
- If you see someone whom you don't recognize walking through the neighborhood, monitor his or her movements.

If you see suspicious activity, call Police Dispatch at 574-2111 or 574-7111. If you witness a crime in progress, **CALL 911.**

Louisville Metro Parks

Our vision for Louisville is a clean, green, safe and inclusive city where people love to live, work and play.

Tips for Enjoyment and Safety

Read and obey the posted closing hours for parks.

For your safety, stay in groups when using parks, especially around dawn or dusk, or keep to high-traffic, well-lit areas.

Keep children under your supervision.

Learn basic first-aid techniques.

Wear sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15, with special attention to face, nose, ears and shoulders. Apply 30 minutes prior to sun exposure. Wear sunglasses with UV protection, and use a lip balm with sunscreen.

Do not take unnecessary valuables with you on your outing, and never leave any valuables unattended in the park or in your car.

Please be aware of your surroundings. Note the name of the park and/or trail that you are on.

Watch the weather.

Carry a mobile phone.

If out on a trail, let a friend or family member know where you are going and when you will return.

During hot and muggy days, avoid unnecessary exposure to heat and drink plenty of water.

Stay on marked trails.

Use park equipment and/or facilities for their intended purposes only.

Do not use soft surface trails when they are muddy.

General Park Info:
502.574.PARK (7275)

From LouisvilleKy.gov



National Night Out 2019

LMPD 6th and 7th Divisions
August 6, 2019 • 6–8 p.m.
Jefferson Mall, 4801 Outer Loop

Food, drinks, games, safety town, police dunking booth, bike rodeo, and free bike raffle drawing

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

On the first Tuesday in August, millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits, and much more.

From LMPD 6th Division Resource Office

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. If the truck driver hits a vehicle, he or she is liable and could be fired. In addition, the provider could refuse to pick up at that location because of the hazard.

Your cooperation is appreciated!



Lighting, Crime, and Safety

Over the years, Watterson Park has installed approximately **160 street lights** throughout the city. The most recent installation was on Bishop Lane between Gardiner Lane and Jennings Lane, where ten LED cobra lights were installed, as that stretch of roadway was not sufficiently lit. The safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers as well as crime prevention are always priorities in your City Council's decision-making process.

Trip to the Louisville Zoological Gardens

The City of Watterson Park is sponsoring a trip for our residents to the Louisville Zoological Gardens on Saturday, September 14. We are paying for parking, admission, and lunch. **YOU MUST SIGN UP TO ATTEND.** A registration form is on page 4 of this newsletter. Participants should meet at the Church of Christ on Gardiner View Avenue at 9:30 a.m. on September 14 to pick up their admission wristbands. From there, participants will be responsible for their own transportation to the Zoo and will meet up at noon for lunch.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM ON PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER BY AUGUST 26.

The Louisville Zoological Gardens, a non-profit organization and the state zoo of Kentucky, is dedicated to its mission to “Better the Bond Between People and Our Planet” by providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors, and leadership in conservation education. The Zoo’s collections, which include botanical gardens, are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The Louisville Zoo is also an agency of Louisville Metro Government.



Opened in 1969, the Louisville Zoo currently exhibits more than 1,100 animals on 134 acres of natural settings representing zoogeographical areas, specific habitat types, or special education areas including Glacier Run, Africa, Islands, New World Exhibits (North, Central and South America), Australian Outback, the HerpAquarium, and the Metazoo Education Center. The Zoo’s award-winning Islands, Gorilla Forest, and Glacier Run exhibits have been recognized by AZA for their excellence and innovation.



The Zoo’s commitment to working with endangered species, specifically with AZA’s Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs, speaks of its dedication to conservation efforts. It is also one

of just a handful of institutions in the world to house a captive breeding population of black-footed ferrets, North America’s most endangered mammal. The Species Survival Plan is the AZA’s cooperative breeding and conservation program and the cornerstone of efforts to assist endangered species.

The Louisville Zoo is dedicated to providing stimulating environments for Zoo animals to enhance their well-being and enrich the quality of their lives.



We share many of our animal training sessions on a daily basis to engage visitors, allow them to meet zoo keepers, and learn more about our animal ambassadors as well as how to support conservation programs.



From LouisvilleZoo.org

"Reversing deforestation is complicated; planting a tree is simple."

~ Martin O'Malley

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The Louisville Zoo's horticulture department is responsible for maintaining all trees, plants, gardens, turf, and walkway areas of the Zoo. Annual planting projects include planting flowers, tropicals, trees, shrubs, and bulbs throughout the Zoo.



The Zoo's Etscorn Memorial Garden offers guests a peaceful spot to rest and enjoy nature. Surrounded by flowering plants and greenery, the garden is the perfect location to sit and reflect.

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

www.WattersonParkKy.com

Trip Registration Form

THE LOUISVILLE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

September 14, 2019

Must include ALL information requested below.

Name(s) of participants from your residence:

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email (if available): _____

RETURN BY AUGUST 26 TO:

MARLENE WELSH, 1723 LARKMOOR LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40218