

# Watterson Park Word

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## Stober Road Flooding



After months of working with our attorney, MSD, Norfolk Southern Corporation, and affected business owners regarding the flooding issue on Stober Road, Norfolk Southern and MSD have agreed that MSD will take the lead on cleaning and clearing out the existing ditch line next to the railroad. MSD recently confirmed that the project has been put out for bid, so we hope to see this project move forward in the near future.

It is not known whether or not this work will eliminate the flooding problem, but it is a major step in the right direction. If it does not work as effectively as hoped, additional efforts will be made to locate the problem—even if it is off-site.

It seems likely that the ditch work will improve the situation dramatically. The project should be completed before winter sets in.

## From the Mayor



It certainly was an eventful summer and, as we head into fall, your City Council, Mayor, Treasurer, Clerk, and Attorney continue to work on important projects and issues that need to be addressed.

Due to the pandemic, City meetings are being conducted virtually via Zoom. As with our in-person meetings, you are invited to attend these virtual meetings as well. Links to our Zoom meetings can be found on our website, [WattersonParkKy.com](http://WattersonParkKy.com). We post the Zoom invitation with a direct link approximately one week prior to each meeting. Legislative meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, and special meetings are held when necessary.

Your Watterson Park Council understands that our residents and businesses need all the assistance they can get to help them deal with the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to this need, we recently voted to keep the Watterson Park real property tax rate for fiscal year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, the same as last year's—7.1¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. **The real property tax rate in Watterson Park is among the lowest in the entire state.** We also passed the annual tangible property tax ordinance, keeping the rate at last year's 6.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. In addition, the annual ad valorem property tax on motor vehicles and watercraft for 2021 stayed at the current 7.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. With your taxes, Watterson Park provides residential trash, recycle, and yard waste pickups; snow removal and pretreating roads with brine; street light installation and rental; maintaining rights-of-way; street and boundary signs; road and sidewalk paving and repairs; tree planting and maintenance; and off-duty police patrol, among other services.

The audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, was presented to the Council by the City Auditor at our October meeting. The audit showed no disagreements with management with regards to audit matters or accounting procedures, and the Council voted to approve it. Residents will receive the approved audit via first-class mail by November 11.

I hope everyone is healthy and following 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.

*Linda Chesser*  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

## Holiday Gatherings During COVID-19

*Fall and winter celebrations typically include large gatherings of families and friends, crowded parties, and travel that may put people at increased risk for COVID-19. While celebrating virtually or with members of your own household poses low risk for spread, in-person gatherings pose varying levels of risk.*

### People who should not attend in-person holiday celebrations:

*Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities if you or anyone in your household:*

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others.
- Has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results.
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

*If you are at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or if you live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should:*

- Avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.
- Avoid larger gatherings and consider attending activities that pose lower risks.

When planning to host a holiday celebration, you should assess current COVID-19 levels in your community to determine whether to postpone, cancel, or limit the number of attendees.

NOTE: THESE CONSIDERATIONS ARE MEANT TO SUPPLEMENT—NOT REPLACE—ANY STATE, LOCAL, TERRITORIAL, OR TRIBAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS WITH WHICH HOLIDAY GATHERINGS MUST COMPLY.

~ From cdc.gov

# COVID-19 Resources

## Metro Louisville Resources

Metro Louisville's COVID-19 Resource Center's website provides a Data Dashboard with links to COVID-19 facts, symptoms and prevention; testing information; latest news and media center; how to get assistance; how you can help; and how we can move forward. These resources are available in English as well as other languages.



Visit the Health Department Dashboard for current information on total confirmed cases, total deaths, and total recovered. You can find a graph of total confirmed cases by week beginning in March as well as totals of confirmed cases and deaths by week and a current positivity rolling two-week average. In addition, you can view COVID-19 hospitalization trends, including total hospitalized patients, as well as COVID-19 patients in the ICU and those on ventilators.

Also available is a map showing the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people in residential zip codes. Graphs of confirmed cases and deaths by race, ethnicity, and gender as well as by age group are routinely updated. In addition, **you can click on an interactive map to find testing locations near you** along with information on how to make an appointment and who is eligible.

**LOU HEALTH COVID-19 Helpline: 502-912-8598**

**MetroCall 311 or 502-584-5000.**

**[louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-covid-19-resource-center](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-covid-19-resource-center)**

## Paving Projects

**Road Resurfacing**—Louisville Paving was recently awarded a contract for resurfacing Colonel Sanders Lane, Hodel Road, and Stober Road (from Watterson Park Road to the Poplar Level Road overpass). The project will include the installation of a guardrail on Stober Road along the area that is being resurfaced.

**Newburg Road Sidewalk**—We are continuing to work 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. This project was awarded federal funding through KIPDA. They hope to begin the final design phase next summer.



## POTENTIAL SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



From WHO/CDC

### State Resources

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services maintains updated Coronavirus monitoring on their website, with Interactive maps of confirmed cases, cases by county, cases by sex, cases by age group, confirmed deaths, deaths by sex, and deaths by age group. You can view a COVID-19 case incident rate map that is updated daily.



Also available is a color-coded map showing the current incidence rate per county and identifying which counties are on track, have a community spread, have accelerated, or are critical. The totals of positive cases, total tested, deaths, and recovered are updated daily.

Additionally, you can read a daily summary from Kentucky Public Health giving total cases and total deaths for each day and since the beginning of the pandemic. You can see the outcomes of patients as well as current patient disposition. The total number of Serology and Antigen tests given is listed as well. Based on these figures, you can see the overall COVID-19 testing positivity rate.

**Kentucky COVID-19 hotline: 1-800-722-5725**  
[kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov)

### Federal Resources

You can access national data at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, including cases and deaths, testing data, data tracker, tips on wearing a mask, and how to protect yourself. You can find guides for cleaning and disinfecting your home and office, guides for schools and child care facilities, current science and research studies, information regarding the key concepts behind contact tracing, communication resources, how to safely travel, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Resources are available for our non-English-speaking population as well.

If you have a general question about COVID-19 or if you need information, please check the CDC website or call one of the numbers listed below.

**NOTE:** CDC does not see patients, diagnose illness, provide treatment, prescribe medication, or refer to specialists. For emergencies, see your healthcare provider or go to an emergency room.

**CDCINFO: 1-800-CDC-INFO**  
**(1-800-232-4636)**

**TTY: 1-888-232-6348**  
[cdc.gov/info](http://cdc.gov/info)



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Address any comments regarding this newsletter to:

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## Sanitation Collection Tips

- Place the carts against the curb or gutter with the arrows on the lid facing the street and the handle facing the residence.
- Place carts the night before or by 4 a.m. on your scheduled service day.
- Allow at least 2 feet between carts, and 5 feet between carts and other objects, so the automated arm can reach your containers.
- Do not lean anything against the carts.
- Make sure lids are securely shut. Materials should not extend beyond the container's rim.
- Please move emptied carts to the rear of your property by the end of pick-up day.
- Mark recycle and yard waste pick-up dates on your calendar.

- To schedule pickup for a bulk item that does not fit in the cart, contact Republic Services at least 24 hours in advance.

- If you have any questions or concerns regarding your service, please contact Republic Services.

Phone: 502.638.9000

App: Republic Services

Website: [www.RepublicServices.com](http://www.RepublicServices.com)



## Large Trash Pickups

### 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 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.

### Large Trash Pick-up dates:

- April 17, 2021
- October 16, 2021
- April 16, 2022



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