

Watterson Park Word

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From the Mayor



After teleconferencing our legislative meetings via Zoom for more than two years during the COVID pandemic, your City Council is once again meeting in-person. Our legislative meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, 4300 Gardiner View Avenue. You are always welcome to attend.

Your City Council recently passed our annual tax ordinances.

I am pleased to inform you that we have once again reduced your real property tax rate! Your new tax rate is 5.8¢ per \$100 of valuation, down from 6.5¢ for the previous fiscal year. The tax rates for tangible personal property and motor vehicles/watercraft have both remained the same, at 5¢ and 7¢, respectively. All three tax rates are among the lowest in the entire Commonwealth.

We received bids for sanitation services and are happy to announce that your City Council voted to continue our relationship with Republic Services. You can find sanitation services guidelines and a collection calendar on pages 3 and 4.

Your City Council has contracted with Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation to provide code enforcement services for Watterson Park. Please see page 2 for more information.

When significant snowfall or ice is forecast, please park your vehicle in your driveway so that brine can be applied or snow can be removed safely and quickly. Also, it would assist Republic Services drivers if you would park your vehicle in your driveway on sanitation pick-up days (every Friday).

I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Linda Chesser

The City’s First Good Citizen Award



Mayor Linda Chesser presented **ERIC KELSO**, a resident on Gardiner Lane, with the City’s first Good Citizen Award at our City Council legislative meeting on November 14.

Mr. Kelso was nominated for the award by a neighbor who has observed him picking up trash from yards, gutters, and sidewalks on a regular basis. She wanted to let Mr. Kelso know that his efforts have not gone unappreciated.

The Watterson Park Council and Officers are grateful to Mr. Kelso for his efforts to keep our City clean and beautiful. This

is a prime example of how one person really can make a difference. We hope that Mr. Kelso’s endeavors will inspire others to find their own way of contributing to the betterment of our community.

Watterson Park established the Good Citizen Award as a means to recognize and reward good citizenship at the community level. If you would like to nominate a resident for this award, go to wattersonparkky.com/citizens.html and follow the instructions under Good Citizen Award.

“This city is what it is because our citizens are what they are.” ~ Plato





George Stewart, founder and owner of Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation, is a former Jefferson County Police/Louisville Metro Police White Collar Crime Detective, retiring after 20 years of service.

In 2006 he was the lead investigator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Office of the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Investigations Unit. In 2011 he was assigned to the staff as a senior advisor to the Attorney General, consulting on security and constituent services matters as well as public corruption investigations until 2016.

At the end of 2016, Mr. Stewart started Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation, providing code enforcement services to several small cities in the Metro Area. He performs a variety of technical duties in support of a city’s local code enforcement program, and monitors and enforces applicable ordinances, codes, and regulations.

Mr. Stewart lives in Louisville. He is married and has two grown daughters, a stepdaughter, and a granddaughter.



Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation

Code Enforcement agencies are a function of many governments and are in place to ensure compliance with ordinance requirements and adopted regulations related to land use, zoning, sign standards, public nuisance, and health and housing codes. Most codes and ordinances apply to every property within the City. Ultimately, the purpose is to ensure that all neighborhoods and properties are maintained, protecting property values and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents.

Code Enforcement staff enforce City Ordinances and Code Standards at all properties within your city. Code Enforcement has many methods of initiating contact. The standard enforcement tool is the “Notice of Violation.” This is a printed or hand-written hard copy document that lists general common violations and detailed required corrective actions to resolve the complaint. The Code Inspector may add more detailed descriptions of the violation, or describe other violations not listed on the form. In most cases, Code Inspectors will try to make contact with occupants by knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell. If there is no answer at the door, the notice is left at the front door. The same notice may also be mailed to the property in question or to the address on file with the Jefferson County PVA.

Once a violation has been observed, it is the intent of Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation to have the resident/property owner come into voluntary compliance. To accomplish this, the resident is normally given 7 to 21 days to take whatever action is requested to correct the problem. On the scheduled compliance date, a follow-up inspection is conducted. If the violation is still on the property, additional informal and/or formal steps may be used to gain compliance. For instance, an attempt to contact the responsible party may be made in person or via telephone, and a “Sorry I Missed You” note or business card may be left at the front door asking the resident to call the Inspector. It is also possible that a civil court process may be initiated.

For common violations on **rental** properties, Code Enforcement will typically try to gain voluntary compliance from either the resident of the property or the property owner. In the event the resident does not voluntarily comply, the Code Inspector will notify the owner of the property as recorded with the county assessor’s office. A formal Notice to Comply will be issued to the property owner.

There are times when voluntary compliance is not achieved. When informal and formal efforts fail to get compliance, the Code Inspector will initiate an appropriate progressive enforcement step. Depending on the violation, this might include issuing a civil citation requiring the responsible party’s appearance in Municipal Court, an administrative or Court Abatement request, or a request sent to the prosecutor for a criminal complaint.

Legal action can be started in several ways. The common method of legal action is a citation issued to the responsible party.

Ultimately, the registered owner of the property is responsible for maintaining the property in compliance. However, legal actions can be taken against any responsible party, including property owners, occupants, and property management representatives.

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Note: A new nuisance ordinance is being considered, and Watterson Park residents will be apprised of any revisions to our existing ordinance.

MISSION STATEMENT

To set and enforce reasonable property standards, to ensure community preservation and education, and to create an optimal environment in which to live, work, and play.

Republic Services | City of Watterson Park

2022-2023 RECYCLING & TRASH SERVICES GUIDELINES

Effective July 1, 2022

Basic Services and Schedule

Trash Collection Is Weekly every Friday

Republic Services® will provide single-family residents with two (2) 95-gallon, or comparable, wheeled carts. Residents of Fort Bluegrass will be provided one (1) 95-gallon, or comparable, wheeled cart. Use of cart is required, as we are an automated service. Carts will be serviced at the curb and should be out the night before or by 6 a.m.

Recycling Collection Is Bi-Weekly on Friday

Republic Services will supply single-family households with one (1) 95-gallon, or comparable, wheeled cart. Service is every other week on Friday. The cart will be serviced at the curb and should be out the night before or by 6 a.m.

Yard Waste Collection Is Bi-Weekly on Friday

Republic Services will service yard waste every other week on Friday for single-family residents. The collection week will be opposite of the recycling week. Service will be at the curb and yard waste should be out the night before or by 6 a.m.

Bulk Item Collection Is on Trash Day

One household bulk item is allowed per week. Items must be scheduled in advance by calling **502.638.9000** or through our **Republic Services app**.

Observed Holidays

New Year's Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If regular service falls on a holiday (not the observance, but the actual holiday), service will be delayed one day.

Guidelines

Trash

- All trash should be bagged prior to placing in carts.
- Carts should be placed at least 3 feet away from any objects, including other carts.
- Do not lean or place other items against the carts.

Recycling

- Carts should be placed at least 3 feet away from any objects, including other carts.

Yard Waste

- Place in provided cart, bags, or tie in bundles. Not to exceed a total of 15 bags/bundles. Bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length or 50 pounds and limbs may not exceed 6 inches in diameter. Carts must be identified as yard waste. Stickers are available upon request. No plastic bags will be collected.

Acceptable Bulk Items:

- Furniture and appliances. 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, grills, etc.
- Broken-down boxes (bundled and tied).

Unacceptable Bulk Items:

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

Recycling Guidelines

Properly prepare your recyclables by rinsing, drying, and flattening (if possible). Do not bundle or bag. Plastic lids, bottle caps, and labels are okay to leave on. Please call **502.638.9000** or visit **RepublicServices.com** for more information.

Acceptable Items

- All plastic bottles and containers (#1 – #7)
- Wide-mouth plastic containers and lids; rigid plastics
- Mixed paper, newspapers with inserts, junk mail
- Computer paper, office paper, colored paper, envelopes
- Gift wrapping paper (without foil backing)
- Magazines, telephone books, paperback books
- Cardboard, gift boxes, shoe boxes (flattened)
- Pizza, cereal and food boxes (no food debris)
- Milk and juice cartons and boxes (must be empty)
- Aluminum cans, steel cans (including lids)
- Aluminum foil (no food debris)
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Empty aerosol cans (no paint cans)

Non-Acceptable Items

- Plastic bags, plastic film, or wrap
- Polystyrene foam
- Waxed cardboard
- Rubber or tires
- Hazardous trash, electronics, and paint
- Glassware or light bulbs
- Clothing or fabric
- Household trash or food waste
- Batteries
- Ropes, hoses, tarps, or wire
- Medical syringes

~ Submitted by Republic Services.

Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.

~John Boswell

City of Watterson Park

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Sanitation Services

Below is Watterson Park's sanitation calendar for the first half of 2023. All pickups are on Friday. Recycling is collected every other week (highlighted in blue); yard waste is picked up the opposite week. Garbage is collected every week. Please have all items at the curb the night before your scheduled service day.

Contact Republic Services to schedule a bulk item, to report a problem with your service, or for more information.

Republic Services
502.638.9000
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Address any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter to:
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2023 Watterson Park Sanitation Collection Calendar

JANUARY 2023							FEBRUARY 2023							MARCH 2023						
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■ Holiday ■ Recycling

The next **Large-Trash Pickup** is scheduled for **Friday, April 14, 2023.**