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FROM THE *Mayor*



Since our summer newsletter, there have been some exciting things happening in Watterson Park. Below are some of the highlights I would like to share.

- **We approved an Ordinance lowering property taxes from 9.5 cents to 8.3 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation.** This is a 15% reduction and will apply for fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.
- The installation of decorative street signs and stop signs on residential streets is in the works and scheduled to be completed within the next few weeks. This project involved researching the specifications required to ensure the signage meets Federal standards.
- We attended the LD&T meeting and zoning hearing regarding Bellarmine University's development plans for property located in Watterson Park. Bellarmine owns the properties located at 3408, 3416, 3420, and 3430 Newburg Road and 4300 Champions Trace Lane. The proposal is for athletic facilities that would consist of a fieldhouse, tennis courts, and a sports field.
- Several businesses are expanding or relocating to Watterson Park: Hancock Machine and Tool located on Bishop Lane is expanding; Icee Company located on Hodel Road is also expanding; and Louisville Plate Glass relocated their headquarters to a 60,000 sq. ft. building at 4301 Chefs Way.
- Milldaun Road was paved, which included the installation of speed humps. In addition, improved street lighting was installed.
- Your Mayor, Council, and quite a few residents participated in two successful Neighborhood Walks with the LMPD 6th Division Officers.
- We are now connected on **Nextdoor**. (*See article on page 3.*)
- A community-wide yard sale was held on Saturday, September 24. The sale was advertised in *The Courier Journal* and on Nextdoor, Facebook, and other social media sites. There was quite an increase in the number of shoppers.
- Seventeen trees, which were planted by the City of Watterson Park, were removed. Many of these trees were ash trees and were dying as a result of the emerald ash borer.
- We resolved several parking, traffic, and property issues. (*Ongoing.*)
- We worked with JCPS Administration regarding middle and high school assignments for our students. (*Ongoing.*)
- We attended monthly LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meetings to ensure a good rapport with the Officers assigned to our area, which is Beat 3. (*Ongoing.*)
- We attended District 10 Advisory Board Meetings in order to stay informed of what is happening in our District. (*Ongoing.*)

The minutes for our monthly legislative meetings, meeting agendas, ordinances, and other City information can be found on our City website, www.wattersonparkky.com.

We welcome your questions and/or suggestions.

Linda Chesser

Linda Chesser, Mayor



Louisville Metro Police Department



ROBBERY PREVENTION TIPS FOR BUSINESSES

The Louisville Metro Police Department investigates crimes that have been committed and is dedicated to helping prevent future criminal acts. We are pleased to provide you with the following business robbery reduction tips. By following these recommendations, you may reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

- Ensure signs, posters, and displays do not obstruct the view from the outside.
- Keep parking lots and all entrances free from obstruction and well lit.
- Install quality video surveillance equipment. Periodically ensure the equipment is properly working and is recording the front door and, secondarily, the register areas (if applicable).
- Install height markers on main entrances.
- Make sure employees are trained on the use of the store's security system(s) and what to do in case of a robbery.
- Limit the amount of cash kept in registers. Maintain limits by making cash drops in a safe or other location when appropriate.
- Make eye contact and greet customers as they enter the store. Customers like attention; robbers do not.
- Stay alert. Watch for suspicious people or vehicles. Call the police and report suspicious activity immediately.
- Have at least two employees working at all times.
- Count money in a secure location away from public view.
- Keep suspect description forms at each register. Ensure employees know how to complete them.

There are a number of things you can do to protect your business and reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a robbery. Inexpensive modifications to your business, or changes in the way your business operates, can create obstacles for a robber that will increase the chances they will be identified and caught. When their chances of being identified and captured increase, criminals often look for an easier target.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like a free business security survey, please call 502.574.2474.

These Robbery Prevention Tips are brought to you by:
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Emergency: 911
NON-Emergency: 574-2111

Sixth Division: 574-2187
Crime Tip Line: 574-LMPD

Nextdoor

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Watterson Park has joined other neighborhoods around Louisville to improve city-wide and neighbor-to-neighbor communication. With **Nextdoor**, residents can create private neighborhood messages to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local service, and even lost pets. Visit www.nextdoor.com to sign up using your zip code.

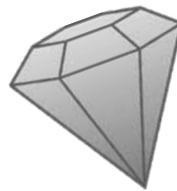
Questions have been raised concerning the correct name for Regina Avenue/Lane. Is it Avenue? Or is it Lane? Our City Attorney researched the matter and determined that the answer is:

REGINA AVENUE

Regina was originally recorded as Avenue, it is on Metro Logic maps as Avenue, and the Post Office and Emergency Services have it listed as Avenue. Google Maps show it as Lane, so we have notified Google to change it to Avenue.



A Hidden Gem



Most of you who have talked to me know I am about keeping our City one of the most desirable communities to live in. I like to see properties well maintained with clean streets and sidewalks. You may see me getting out of my car and pulling down a sign that is tacked to a utility pole or picking up some trash. I grew up in German-Paristown, and we pulled weeds, swept the gutters, and picked up trash in front of our home. It wasn't someone else's job; it was our responsibility.

It doesn't take a lot of money to maintain your property—just keep it clean, trim the shrubs, and cut the grass. It's amazing what a fresh coat of paint can do when it comes to curb appeal. People seem to forget their garage doors, but they are an important part of curb appeal. If you don't paint, the wood is going to rot. Then you will have a larger problem and an expense that a can of paint and some elbow grease could have prevented.

In recent months, I've heard people who do not live in Watterson Park referring to our City as a "hidden gem." So many people don't even know we exist and, with the potential turn-over of homes over the next few years, this needs to change.

Your Mayor, City Council, Clerk, and Treasurer are working toward this goal. We're asking for your help to get the word out about your great City.

As always, we welcome your questions and/or suggestions.

~ Mayor Linda Chesser

Large Trash Pick-up

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 2016**

Have items at the curb no later than 6 a.m. No tires, paint, batteries, or any items that contain Freon will be picked up.



Welcome...

to the newest member of our City Council: **TIFFANY WOODSON**. A resident of Annshire Avenue, Tiffany was appointed to fill the Council seat vacated by Mary Ann Liebert, who resigned from the Council in July.

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DO YOUR PART –

- When cutting grass, please blow grass out of the street and off the sidewalk. Not only is wet grass slippery and dangerous (it could cause someone to fall), it should be kept out of the drainage systems. Our community doesn't look well-groomed when there is grass all over the streets and sidewalks.
- Pick up trash, etc. Sometimes after trash/recycle/yard waste pick-up, debris is left on the street. Please clean it up.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The owners of the property at 3301 Stober Road, YUM! Support Center, have asked that residents not ride bikes/scooters in the parking lot. It is okay to cut through between Conaem Drive and Stober Road, but please do not ride around in the lot.



The Fall Brightside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. We are always looking for volunteers. We will meet at The Lillian Wild Walking Path on Gardiner Lane at 9 a.m. Shirts, gloves, and bags are provided by Brightside but must be ordered in advance. If you would like to participate, call the City number, 458-7613.



PLEASE do not tape any signs to the new street/stop sign posts. They are powder-coated, and tape will pull the paint off.