

Watterson Park Word

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Spring Cleaning

- Pick up litter and dispose of properly.
- Gently rake your lawn to remove dead grass and leaves.
- Remove weeds while they are small and the soil is moist.
- Lightly rake the mulch in your flower beds to aerate, and re-mulch if needed.
- Uncover perennials when the danger of frost has passed, remove decayed materials, and prune as needed.
- Prune dead or decayed branches from trees and shrubs, and recycle or compost the clippings.
- Treat your flower beds and garden areas for insects.
- Check the condition of your garden hoses and/or sprinkler system.
- Inspect your siding, eaves, roof, and shutters for loose materials, chipped paint, and rotting wood; make needed repairs.
- Clean out rain gutters to remove debris that may be clogging them.
- Check the condition of backyard playsets as well as the area beneath and surrounding them.
- Visually inspect outdoor electric outlets; hire a professional to make any needed repairs.

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FROM THE *Mayor*



“Why Watterson Park?”

There are families who have resided in Watterson Park for more than 50 years. During this time, neighbors have moved away, looking for the open-concept home, walk-in closets, a large kitchen island, or possibly more children in the neighborhood. I have been a resident for 37 years. At times, I thought about moving and I would start looking. Then I would ask myself, “Why?”

Watterson Park is fortunate to have had a great leader for 34 years—former Mayor Norman Liebert—who positioned us well for the future. And your current Mayor and Council are committed to following his lead. When I think about what has transpired in Watterson Park since the formation of the City in 1981, I am proud to say I live here.

- Watterson Park has one of the lowest tax rates on real property in Kentucky at 9.5¢ per \$100 of assessed value.
- With your taxes, we provide trash, recycle, and yard waste pickup; semi-annual large trash pickups; street lights; road paving and repairs; tree planting and maintenance; and snow removal, to name a few.
- Watterson Park offers affordable, well-built homes and safe streets. In 2015, movoto.com listed us at number 8 in the top 10 best suburbs in Louisville to retire. Criteria included location, safety, and affordability.
- We have an ideal location: You can get almost anywhere in Metro Louisville within 20 minutes.
- As a result of our tree-planting efforts, Watterson Park has received a Tree City USA award annually from the Arbor Day Foundation since 2001. We are one of only 37 communities in Kentucky listed as a Tree City USA.
- We installed acorn lighting along Gardiner Lane, Champions Trace, and Bantam Court.
- In 2010, the City of Watterson Park built the one-sixth mile “Lillian Wild Walking Path” at Gardiner Lane and Gardiner View Drive, named after former Councilmember Lillian Wild—a founding member of our City.
- In the fall of 2016, we will have our fourth annual Community Yard Sale.
- This spring, we will participate as a team in Operation Brightside cleanups for the fourth consecutive year.
- We installed speed humps on Champions Trace, Conaem Drive, and Annshire Avenue to help slow traffic in those residential areas.
- In 2013, the elementary resides school for residents in the Gardiner Lane area was changed to Hawthorne Elementary in the Highlands; this has attracted families with children to our City.
- And, probably my favorite, considering it was on my list for 28 years: The construction of Stober Road in the early '90s, followed by the installation of speed humps in 2007 on Conaem Drive and Annshire Avenue, reduced commercial traffic on these residential streets. And just recently, the new owner of the commercial property located at 4500 Conaem Drive agreed to change the address to 3301 Stober Road, which will further minimize traffic.

“Why Watterson Park?” In my opinion, it’s a great place to live and it just keeps getting better.

Linda Chesser

Linda Chesser, Mayor

TRIP TO BERNHEIM FOREST

The City of Watterson Park is sponsoring a trip to Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest on **MAY 14, 2016**, for City of Watterson Park residents. The City will furnish transportation by chartered bus to and from Bernheim, pay for the guided tour, and provide lunch and drinks for all participants.

The bus will depart from the Church of Christ, 4204 Gardiner View Avenue, at 9:30 a.m. [The Church has given us permission to park our vehicles in their parking lot.] We will arrive back at that location around 2:30 p.m.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 RESPONDENTS.
If you would like to attend, fill out and return the form on the next page by April 30.



VISION

Isaac Wolfe Bernheim understood the enduring value of connecting people with nature. It was this vision that led him to purchase over 12,000 acres of eroded and logged-out land in Bullitt and Nelson Counties in Kentucky in 1929. He established the I. W. Bernheim Foundation in 1929 as a means of protecting and managing this living legacy. He understood that land, if properly cared for, had the inherent capacity to recover. His gift of land would become a place where all people could find peace, understanding and common interest in nature, regardless of race, creed or economic status.



In the 83 years since the original purchase, the 14,378 acres of the modern Bernheim have changed. Logged hillsides are approaching “old growth” status. Watersheds within the forest run clean. Bernheim is a respected environmental organization. More than 200,000 people visit each year to derive the benefits of time spent in nature. Bernheim is one of the largest forest blocks in the Eastern United States managed by a nonprofit organization whose mission includes conservation and education. The clean air and water, wildlife habitat and biological diversity that Bernheim provides and protects make this land truly significant and precious.

This expansive perspective is captured in the Vision Statement adopted by the Bernheim Board of Trustees in 2010:



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“ BERNHEIM WILL BE A NATIONALLY TREASURED LEADER IN ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP THAT INSPIRES THE EXPLORATION OF OUR DEEP CONNECTIONS WITH NATURE.

TRIP RESPONSE FORM

Bernheim Forest — May 14, 2016

— *Must include ALL information requested below.* —

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

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email (if available): _____

RETURN BY APRIL 30 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 US AT 458-7613 TO DISCUSS YOUR SITUATION.

BERNHEIM ARBORETUM

An **arboretum** [ar • bor • re' • tum] is a living library of trees. Bernheim's Arboretum is much more than a collection, and you don't need a special library card to "browse our stacks" anytime of the year. To find your favorite tree or plant, explore bernheim.org or come out for a visit.

BENEFITS OF TREES

Environmental Benefit

- Trees improve air quality
- Trees reduce storm water runoff and erosion
- Trees modify local climate
- Trees create habitat and provide food and shelter for wildlife
- Tree planting contributes to the conservation of biodiversity
- Trees serve as screens and buffers

Economic Benefit

- Trees conserve energy
- Trees increase property values
- Trees are good for the economy

Social Benefit

- Trees make life more pleasant

Community Benefit

- Trees promote healthier communities
- Trees are a part of our natural and cultural heritage
- When you plant a tree you plant stories

THE WELL-CHOSEN TREE

Evaluating the Site

- Space constraints
- Street tree requirements
- Utility lines (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable and telephone)
- Structures (homes, sidewalks and fences)
- Soil and drainage
- Exposure (sun and wind)

Choosing the Right Tree – Consider

- Function and landscape value
- Growth habit (form and size)
- Growth rate
- Culture (aspect, soil type and pH, drainage)
- Native range and habit
- Deciduous/evergreen
- Disease and insect resistance
- Hardiness zone
- Human activity

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WATTERSON PARK WORD

Large Trash Pickup

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

PLACE YOUR ITEMS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN 6 A.M.

In the Works...

Arbor Day 2016 — We will celebrate Arbor Day by reading a proclamation at the Lillian Wild Walking Path on April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Brightside Spring Cleanup — Watterson Park is participating for the fourth consecutive year in Brightside's community-wide cleanup on April 16.

Stober Road Lighting Improvements — We have contracted with Saf-Ti-Co to install illuminated warning signs along the 90° curve on Stober Road.

Decorative Street Signs — We are working with Saf-Ti-Co to install decorative posts and new street signs on all residential streets in our City.

REPORT A Pothole

Make your City Council aware of potholes in your neighborhood by notifying us at **458-7613** or info@WattersonParkKy.com.

If the pothole is on a Metro or state street, report it by calling 311 or go to LouisvilleKy.gov.



If you are planning a yard sale and would like to promote it for **FREE** on our website, email the information to:

info@WattersonParkKy.com