

Watterson Park Word

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From the Mayor



I would like to recognize those who have helped and continue to help make Watterson Park the great community it is.

First, I want to recognize our former Mayor, Norman Liebert. Norman served as mayor from the City's inception in 1981 and held that position for thirty-four years. He was committed to Watterson Park and its success, and was very supportive in my transition from Councilwoman to Mayor.

Next on my list is our City Attorney, John Treitz. Mr. Treitz has been the City Attorney for Watterson Park since 1981, and his legal expertise and counsel have contributed to our City's prosperity.

Jerry Wild, City Treasurer, and Aggie Keefe, City Clerk, go above and beyond their job obligations. Even though I served on the Council for twenty-six years, when I took over as Mayor, I was amazed at what their duties entail and am grateful they are so committed to serving Watterson Park.

I also want to thank our City Council. Watterson Park has six Councilmembers who truly work as a team for the betterment of the community.

Over the past two years, I have made it a priority to meet some of the residents and business owners in Watterson Park. We have some great people in our City, and I sincerely appreciate each and every one of them.

When I think about what has transpired in Watterson Park since the beginning, I am proud to say I live here and honored to serve as your Mayor.

I sincerely thank each and every one of you and wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Linda Chesser, Mayor

*Your Watterson Park
Council and Officers
wish you a
warm and happy
Holiday Season
and a
peaceful and prosperous
New Year.*

CAUTION: CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS

Each year, an average of 430 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and there are more than 20,000 visits to the emergency room with more than 4,000 hospitalizations. Carbon monoxide-related deaths are highest during colder months. These deaths are likely due to increased use of gas-powered furnaces and alternative heating, cooking, and power sources used dangerously indoors during power outages. NEVER use a generator, grill, camp stove, or charcoal burning device inside or in any partially enclosed area; keep these devices at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents. If your carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh-air location outdoors or by an open window or door. From the fresh-air location call or text 9-1-1 for help, and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

~ from ready.gov/prepare

**"One kind word can warm
three winter months."**

—Japanese proverb

"How many lessons of faith and beauty
we should lose, if there were no winter
in our year!"

~ Thomas Wentworth Higginson

"I pray this winter be gentle and
kind—a season of rest from the wheel
of the mind."

~ John Geddes

"If we had no winter, the spring would
not be so pleasant: if we did not
sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity
would not be so welcome."

~ Anne Bradstreet

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in
winter enjoy."

~ William Blake

"It is the life of the crystal, the architect
of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul
of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is
full of it."

~ John Burroughs

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter
from the human face."

~ Victor Hugo

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips
its turn."

~ Hal Borland

"People don't notice whether it's winter
or summer when they're happy."

~ Anton Chekhov

"What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter to give it
sweetness."

~ John Steinbeck

"Winter forms our character and brings
out our best."

~ Tom Allen

"Winter is not a season, it's a celebration."

~ Anamika Mishra



Megan's Little Free Library

Have you noticed a small wooden structure that resembles a large birdhouse on the Lillian Wild Walking Path? Thanks to a suggestion by resident Megan Paul and the creativity and skills of her husband, Councilman Brandon Paul, Watterson Park is the proud steward of an official Little Free Library. This program is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. Our library is registered with the Little Free Library organization and has been added to their world map. The program depends on the generosity of its users, so please feel free to contribute a book...and take one home to enjoy!



*Councilman Brandon Paul;
his wife, Megan; and baby Henry.*



*Councilmen Steve Fortwengler and
Brandon Paul installing the library.*

Who we are...

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. There are over 50,000 registered Little Free Library book exchanges in all 50 U.S. states and over 70 countries around the world. For more information, go to LittleFreeLibrary.org or call 715-690-2488.



Now/Prepare

- ◆ Sign up for local alerts and warnings.
- ◆ Create and test emergency communication plan(s).
- ◆ Stock emergency supplies, and install battery-powered or battery backed-up carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors.
- ◆ Winterize your home.
- ◆ Review your property insurance and safeguard critical documents.
- ◆ Get trained on specific needs your family may have. Also, consider joining your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- ◆ Identify a place nearby where you can safely warm up should you lose heat in your home.

During/Survive

- ◆ Stay indoors and off the roads. If you must drive, keep emergency supplies in your car.
- ◆ Close off rooms to consolidate and retain heat.
- ◆ Dress in layers, and use blankets to stay warm.
- ◆ Bring pets into a warm place and out of the storm or severe cold.
- ◆ Never use a generator, camp stove, charcoal grill, or gasoline or propane heater indoors, as these items can start accidental fires, cause electric shock, and/or cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ Never heat a home with a cooktop or oven.
- ◆ Limit your time outdoors, and stay dry.

After/Be Safe

- ◆ Only drive if necessary. Remove snow and ice from your tailpipe before starting your car, and check regularly if idling. Clean all snow and ice from your car before driving.
- ◆ Dress in warm clothing, stay dry, prevent prolonged exposure to cold and wind, and avoid overexertion when clearing/shoveling snow. Overexertion can lead to a medical emergency.
- ◆ Monitor local news and alerts for emergency information and instructions.

~ from [ready.gov/prepare](https://www.ready.gov/prepare)

For more resources about winter storm risks, visit [ready.gov/prepare](https://www.ready.gov/prepare).



Preparing for a winter storm

Winter storms can cause power outages that last for days. They can make roads and walkways extremely dangerous and also negatively affect critical community services, including public transportation, childcare, and health programs. Injuries and deaths may occur from exposure, dangerous road conditions, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other winter storm conditions. Be better prepared this winter, and learn more at [ready.gov/prepare](https://www.ready.gov/prepare).

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weatherstripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

INSULATE WATER PIPES. Also, allow faucets to drip or trickle during unusually cold weather or if the power and heat are out to avoid freezing. When water freezes, it expands, and this can cause water pipes to burst. Know how to shut off water valves if a pipe bursts.

CLEAR RAIN GUTTERS. Repair roof leaks, check your roof to make sure it can handle the extra weight of the snow and ice, and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or neighboring structure. Keep pathways and driveways clear between storms to avoid buildup of snow piles and icing.

INSTALL BATTERY-OPERATED CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS or electric detectors with battery backups in central locations on every level of your home. This will provide an early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide, which is a

colorless, odorless, tasteless, and potentially deadly gas.

HIRE A CONTRACTOR to check the structural ability of your roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow and/or ice.

KEEP FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON HAND and make sure everyone in your home knows how to use them. If your smoke alarms get power from your home's electrical system (hardwired), make sure the backup battery is replaced at least once a year so your alarms will work during a power outage.

MAINTAIN HEATING EQUIPMENT and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Renters, check with your landlord or property manager to ensure that they have taken care of these necessary building improvements or find out your responsibilities with respect to these actions.

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Fall Brightside participants



Thank you to the volunteers who represented our City in the Fall Brightside Cleanup on October 21. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Brightside works to unite people in clean and green activities to beautify the city and foster community pride. The next cleanup will be held in April 2018.

WattersonParkKy.com

Illegal parking

According to Metro Code Enforcement:

- Vehicles are permitted to park in the required front or side yard only on a hard surface or approved semi-pervious driveway... that leads to a garage, carport, house, or rear yard.
- Vehicles must be parked on hard/durable surfaces such as blacktop or concrete and not on dirt or grass.
- The parking of heavy trucks in residential areas is strictly prohibited. Heavy trucks are trucks, including truck trailers and similar vehicles, with two or more rear axles.

From louisvilleky.gov

The great outdoors? Not for cats!

Many property and business owners do not want cats on their property. Not everyone loves cats or wants them climbing on their cars, maiming or killing birds, or digging in their gardens.

Countless cats who are left outdoors without protection die from infected wounds and injuries, as even small abscesses and common urinary tract infections can become raging and deadly for unsocialized cats who cannot be handled and treated. Cats outdoors are vulnerable to contagious diseases, parasite infestations, starvation, dehydration, freezing, heatstroke, attacks by dogs and other predators, and being hit by vehicles.

Go to peta.org to take a look at even more reasons never to let your cat outside unattended, and pledge to keep cats safe indoors.

From peta.org