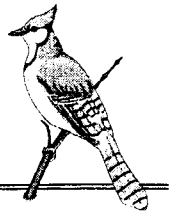


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MAYOR SCALISE'S MESSAGE

Tax Notices

Audubon Park property tax notices will soon be mailed to all property owners or your financial institution (depending on your personal situation). You should be receiving them within the first week or two of March. If you haven't received yours in a timely fashion, please call City Hall to inquire about a duplicate.

New Residents

With all of the recently sold homes in Audubon, we now have several new residents in the Park. We always welcome and encourage new residents to stop by City Hall located at 3340 Robin Road. While there, they can pick up a New Resident Guidebook as well as other information that is available.

Operation Brightside

Operation Brightside sponsors a cleanup throughout Metro Louisville twice a year (spring and fall). We've always cleaned up along Preston Street near the entrance to Audubon Park. This year will be the 25th anniversary of Brightside's efforts; and the community-wide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th. I am looking for volunteers to donate a Saturday morning to the effort and would like for someone to spearhead the group by registering with Brightside, etc. If you would like to help, please contact me at City Hall.

Newsletter Changes

Traditionally, the City of Audubon Park has printed and delivered four Newsletters per year to all Park

residents. We have decided to cut back to two printed Newsletters and two Newsletters that will be posted "online only" on the City's website. We are doing this in an effort to save taxpayer money. The printed Newsletters will be timed to be delivered well in advance of the Dogwood Festival as well as the Fall Arts and Crafts Festival. Currently, changes are being made to our website to correct some previous problems and to make postings timelier.

City Boards

At the January City Council Meeting, the following Appointments were made to the Audubon Park Code Enforcement Board and the Board of Ethics. Steve Miller (Chair), Keith Braun, and Mark Stevens were appointed to the Code Enforcement Board. John Wientjes (Chair), Anne Braun, and Gary Fields were appointed to the Board of Ethics. We give them many thanks for their dedication and service.

City Council Agendas

A 15 minute "Public Comment Period" was added to the Agendas for our Council Meetings several years ago. This time was allotted to encourage residents to address the Council on issues they may have. We welcome residents to attend the meetings which are held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall (excluding January and February meetings which are moved due to holidays).

FROM THE FOREST BOARD

Betty Weise

LG&E Forester Attends Meeting

Mayor Mike Scalise invited LG&E Utility Forester Jim Mathews to the Forest Board's January meeting. He

"Provided as a service to our neighbors"

provided information to the Board concerning the utility's efforts to remove any residential tree that poses an imminent threat to power lines during a storm. This program is free to the homeowner; however, any potential outage must affect several properties (thus excluding lines to an individual home). Trees anywhere on the property will be considered, but the homeowner will be responsible for their disposal. He mentioned hoping to be able to start work in April. Contact Jim at 627-3206 or jim.mathews@lge-ky.com. If you would like assistance in selecting a replacement tree, please call Chair Betty Weise at 637-3032 or any of the members of the Forest Board.

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

Christmas Community Celebration Winners

Thank you to the many residents who decorated their homes and yards over the holiday season. It is always such a delight for young and old to drive by at night to view the colorful holiday decorations. This year's winners were:

Best Decorated Home:

1st Place - Greg Dye, 3302 Robin Rd.

2nd Place - Claudia & Steve Weber, 936 Audubon Pkwy.

Best Decorated Doorway:

1st Place - Debbie & Jeff Prewitt, 927 Audubon Pkwy.

2nd Place - Peggy & Jim Sohan, 3302 Chickadee Rd.

Best Nativity:

1st Place - Jean & Louis Humphrey, 3120 Chickadee Rd.

The Garden Club would like to offer special thanks to Greg Dye and Wildflowers Florist for providing the holiday wreaths at each of the entrances to Audubon Park on Preston Highway and Hess Lane.

Festival of the Dogwood Scheduled for April 15-17th

If the groundhog was correct and we are to have an early spring, let's pray that it doesn't cause the dogwoods to bloom before the annual Dogwood

Festival....The festival is scheduled for the weekend of April 15-17th with opening ceremonies in Wren Park on Friday evening. As always, the music will begin in the evening at 6:30 P.M. The music this year will be provided by the *Rascals of Ragtyme*, which has been graciously underwritten by Jim King and Louisville's Metro Council. Following the opening invocation, Arbor Day Proclamation, and the lighting of the dogwoods, more music will follow as well as refreshments. Please bring a chair or blanket, so you can relax and enjoy an evening of music and friendship. On Sunday at 3 P.M., Audubon Baptist Church will host the annual afternoon concert sponsored by Carol and Louis Korb, the Garden Club, and Audubon Baptist. The concert this year will be featuring the *River City Concert Band*, and refreshments will be provided. It provides a delightful and relaxing "conclusion" to the Dogwood Festival.

The Garden Club asks that all residents begin lighting their dogwoods and flowers along with other flowering shrubs or trees beginning Thursday, April 14th, at dusk. We encourage you to light up your home even if you don't have any flowering trees or plants. This will provide a visual treat to the hundreds of Louisville area residents who drive through our City during this beautiful spring weekend.

Tenth Annual Garden Tour - Saturday, June 25th

Audubon Park hosts its 10th annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 25th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Because the Newsletters are now being delivered only twice a year, very few details about the gardens appearing on the tour are available at this time; However, the Garden Club will still partner with the Passport Program which bundles together three garden tours in the Louisville area during the early summer months. These include: the Crescent Hill Garden Tour on June 4th from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Audubon's Tour on June 25th, and Old Louisville's Hidden Treasures Garden Tour on July 9th and 10th from 10 A.M to 5 P.M. each day. Individual tickets for Audubon Park's Garden Tour are \$10 available at City Hall the day of the Tour, or Passport tickets are \$27

and can be purchased at Plant Kingdom on Westport Road or at the group's website www.gardentourpassport.com. Please come out and support the Garden Club and view the many beautiful and unusual gardens to be found in Audubon Park!

Update on Pope Memorial Rain Garden

The Pope Memorial Rain Garden is nearly complete following the thaw in early December allowing the majority of plants to be installed. One of the goals of the Rain Garden (in addition to honoring long-time garden enthusiasts and residents Sara and Pat Pope) was to provide a visual feast of color throughout the year as well as to attract birds and butterflies with its flowers and foliage. Fine-leaved Inkberry Hollies were planted along the front with coarse-textured Oak Leaf Hydrangeas in the rear. Also included in the bed, are Virginia Sweet Spires and a Sycamore tree in the center of the bed. Other plantings include Summersweet, American Beautyberries, native Azaleas, and Fothergillas. A walking path has been created through the garden's central portion.

Five additional specimens will be planted in the spring: four American Cranberry bushes and a Carolina Silverbell tree to anchor the right side of the garden. Mulch, donated by the City of Audubon Park, will be laid down; and the various species will be labeled. Costs for the Memorial Rain Garden were raised by donations to honor the Popes and from Garden Club funds.

Placing more trees at this end of Curlew Park may appear excessive; however, a number of large Ash trees are in decline and will likely succumb to the Emerald Ash Borer. The Sweet Gums are likewise failing due in part to Phytophthora rot. With those items noted, the Garden Club's efforts have been dedicated to anticipating future needs within Curlew Park as well as honoring Pat and Sara (two long-time supporters of Audubon Park's trees and parks).

Upcoming Garden Club Programs

The Garden Club welcomes any residents and their guests to attend programs sponsored by the Club. Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at City

Hall, 3340 Robin Road, with meetings beginning at 1 P.M. followed by the featured program. Upcoming programs include:

Wednesday, April 13, 2011: "*Delight in Viewing Dutch Tulips*" - This program will be held during the Club's Spring Luncheon and will consist of a slide show of the Holland Tulip Festival photographed by Ed Belefsky. The Historian's Report will be given as well as the installation of new Club Officers will occur. The luncheon will be held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road, beginning at 11:45 A.M. Reservations are required, and there is a fee for the luncheon. Reservations may be made by calling Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239 or Ann Dyer at 634-3058.

Monday, May 9, 2011: "*Delights of Bernheim's Visitors Center and Tree Canopy Walk*" - This program features a field trip to Bernheim Forest following the meeting at City Hall. Members and guests will carpool to the Arboretum. There will also be a plant exchange.

Programs will resume in September following a summer hiatus.

Please remember that membership to the Garden Club is now open to residents outside of Audubon Park. If you know someone who is interested in gardening and would like to learn more about joining the Garden Club, please contact Betty Weise at 637-3032 or Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239.

Audubon Shop Accepting Donations Now

While it seems early to be mentioning the Arts and Crafts Festival (which is held during the third weekend of September), we would like to mention that Leah Netherland is now accepting any donations for the Audubon Shop. These donations may have been "discovered" during your spring cleaning efforts. Please keep the Audubon Shop in mind if you have new or used items such as books, dishes, decorations, yard equipment, toys, or other things in good shape that you no longer want but still have a usable life for someone else. All proceeds from this endeavor help fund the many projects sponsored by

the Garden Club such as tree plantings, park maintenance, fertilization, and beautification. Leah can be contacted at 638-8919 if you would like to make a donation.

The Butterfly Bush

A common flowering shrub found during the summer months is the Butterfly Bush. It is also known by its botanical name "*Buddleia*" which was named after an English Clergyman, the Rev. Adam Buddle, in the 1770s. Clergy were long associated with botanists and gardens in England because such men were often ensconced in small villages in the countryside and spent time on scholarly work in botany as well as their clerical duties. A more hardy form of buddleias was introduced from Asia to North America and Europe in the late 1800s.

Also called "summer lilac" because its blooms resemble those of the lilac, the Butterfly Bush is a fast-growing flowering bush that is easy to grow and hard to kill. It likes sun and good drainage and tolerates urban pollution as well as alkaline soil. It is generally pest-free and can be pruned anytime (which is helpful since it can grow out of control and can reseed itself easily). For this reason, some consider the butterfly bush an invasive plant. There are over 100 different varieties of the Butterfly Bush with the most common being *Buddleia davidii*. It is hardy to minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit and grows to be between 6 and 15 feet tall. Colors include white, pink, fuchsia, red, purple, lavender, orange, and blue. From its name, you can deduce that the flowers of the bush (which resemble a bottle brush anywhere from 3-10 inches long) attract butterflies; however, the flowers also attract hummingbirds (especially the red blooms) as well as bees and other beneficial insects that are drawn to the sweet nectar. Be careful not to confuse this plant with the "butterfly weed" which also attracts butterflies (typically monarchs) to its milkweed-like pods.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Night and early morning joggers and walkers are encouraged to wear light or reflective clothing.

- There is no parking permitted on the street or on parking pads between 2 A.M. and 6 A.M. There is also no parking permitted on the grass.
- Building, Tree, and Yard Sale permits are issued through City Hall. If you have a project in mind, a tree you would like to trim or remove on the easement, or if you would just like to have a yard sale, please contact or come by City Hall.
- Please report any street lights that are out or malfunctioning to City Hall at 637-5066. The information provided will then be forwarded on to LG&E for repair.
- With regards to pets, please keep in mind that your neighbors do **NOT** want your pets wandering in their yard or on the roadway in front of their houses leaving unpleasant surprises or attacking the pets they may have. Please make sure they are under control at all times and are not running around loose. We have also received complaints at City Hall of barking dogs and of cats on the prowl. Please try to keep your pets from disturbing your neighbors or the bird population in the area.
- In keeping with the beauty of the neighborhood, please try to avoid having yard signs placed on your property. Please keep in mind that if a yard sign is placed on the easement, it will be removed by the City.
- In relation to garbage collection; the collection days in the City are Tuesdays and Fridays. The yard waste and recycling are on Tuesdays only and are to be placed at the curb. **Please keep in mind yard waste must be bundled and not to exceed 48 inches in length.** Household garbage is collected at the rear of the house. Yard waste and recycling should **NOT** be placed at the street earlier than the evening before collection.

Please see the following holiday schedule:

For Memorial Day (May 30, 2011) week and July 4, 2011 week, all collections will be one day later during the week of that particular holiday.

If your garbage is missed, please contact Waste Management at 966-0117.