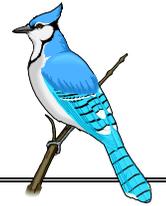


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MAYOR SCALISE'S MESSAGE

It's that time of year again...Please note the tax bills were recently mailed out to property owners within the City. If you haven't received yours and it doesn't go to a financial institution for payment, please call City Hall in order to request a duplicate bill.

Congratulations are in order for our newly elected City Council. New members on the Council are Nancy Zinner, Vince Osbourn, Cary Campbell, and Joanne Bader. Al Huber is returning along with a prior serving member, Mark Stevens, who had previously served on the Council in the past. All of their email addresses are located on the City's website.

One of the first official acts of the new Council was to approve the appointment of two members to the Code Enforcement Board. Mark Stevens had to leave the Board because of his election to the Council; and Pete Becker, who lives on Chickadee, has replaced him. Keith Braun was reappointed, and the Board continues to be chaired by former Mayor Steve Miller. Congratulations to them as well.

Last November's election that brought us the new Council has some interesting statistics for Audubon Park. In the Presidential Election, 914 votes were cast in our precinct, H117. Of those votes, 397 or 43% were cast for Obama; and 517 or 57% were cast for Mitt Romney.

Also as has been mentioned before, our Police Chief, Jeff Cox, is soliciting email addresses for the Police Department's Audubon Park Bulletin. If you would

like to be added to receive the AP Bulletin, please forward your email address to news@audubonparkky.org

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

Dogwood Festival Just Around the Corner

The 42nd annual Festival of the Dogwood will be held the weekend of April 19th – 21st. On Saturday, April 20th, a celebration in honor of Arbor Day will be held in Henderson Park between 10 A.M. and Noon with the planting of several new Dogwood trees. This is a "family" event and shovels will be provided by the Garden Club and Forest Board. On Sunday, the annual band concert performed by the River Cities Concert Band will be held at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane, at 3 P.M. The concert will feature patriotic as well as light classical music and show tunes. This is a free concert and light refreshments will be served.

As we learned last year, Mother Nature does not always follow the Garden Club's schedule for the Dogwood Festival; so, we encourage residents to light up their trees and any flowering shrubs **when the blooms are on the trees or shrubs**. Many visitors who typically drive through the Park during the Festival will show up anyway once they notice blooms on Dogwoods in their sections of town. What many residents don't realize is that planning for the Festival begins much earlier in the fall due to the need for advance scheduling of the group for the free band concert on Sunday. The Garden Club plans to maintain the same scheduling as they have in the past (which has historically matched peak blooming

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in most years); but, we will watch to see if global warming has begun to set new trends in blooming times. As always, the Garden Club requests that residents spruce up their yards and remove any yard signs so that Audubon Park showcases its *natural* beauty during this time! Additional information is being provided in a flyer from the Garden Club.

Save the Date for the Annual Garden Tour: June 22nd

Audubon Park's annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Although no specific information was available at print time regarding gardens to be featured on the Tour, tickets will be available for \$10 at City Hall on the day of the event. Audubon Park is once again participating in the Passport Program allowing interested gardeners to purchase discounted tickets for a "package" of Garden Tours: Audubon Park; Old Louisville's Hidden Treasures Tour (June 8th & 9th, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.); and Crescent Hill (June 1st, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.). The Garden Passports can be purchased at The Plant Kingdom in St. Matthews, Economy Aquatic Gardens on Preston Highway, or Wallitsch Nursery and Garden Center in Hikes Point. For more information about the Passport Program or Audubon's Garden Tour specifically, please call Mary Miller at 635-7322 or Gene Stotz at 634-4921. We hope everyone will invite family and friends to join in on touring the local gardens as all proceeds from the event are returned to the community via funds for park maintenance or tree plantings.

Christmas Community Celebration

The Audubon Park Garden Club hosted another wonderful Community Christmas Celebration at City Hall on December 9th. Approximately 55 residents attended the Open House and enjoyed holiday décor, refreshments, and lots of door prizes. Attendance may have been affected by unseasonable warmth that evening; but, it did nothing to diminish the holiday spirit and fellowship during the evening! Several members of City Council were present including Joanne Bader, Cary Campbell, Al Huber, Vince Osbourn, and Nancy Zinner; and, they helped

draw names for the many door prizes offered (including a floral arrangement donated by Wildflowers Florist and several other items donated by members of the Garden Club committee hosting the event). Those residents winning the monetary prizes were: \$25 – Vince Osbourn; \$50 – Amanda Palazzo; and \$75 – Debbie Stutzenberger. The Garden Club would like to thank everyone in the Park for decorating their homes in the holiday spirit; and, they were especially pleased that so many streets decorated their street lamps this year! All in all, it was a very festive start to the holiday season!

Brightside Community Cleanup – April 13th

Operation Brightside is again sponsoring a community-wide cleanup day on Saturday, April 13th, as part of the kickoff of the Mayor's Week of Service. Volunteer groups are encouraged to help clean up part of their neighborhoods, which for the Audubon Park area usually focuses on the Preston Highway corridor just outside our entrance on Preston Highway. Cleanup teams receive free bags and gloves to assist in their efforts. The Garden Club will again help to coordinate this effort. Signs will be posted prior to the event at the three main entrances to Audubon Park (Preston at Audubon Parkway, Oriole at Hess Lane, and Eagle Pass at Audubon Parkway) with information about start times; but, the cleanup typically runs between 9 A.M. and Noon. For those who would like to help, please meet at the Preston Highway entrance to the park; it is helpful to bring a rake or a broom to assist in the cleanup. For further information, contact Gene Stotz at 634-4921.

This is by no means the first time Audubon residents and Garden Club members have participated in Operation Brightside's cleanup. About eight hardy souls turned out on Saturday, October 27th, to help. The group concentrated on the area between Hart Avenue and Rosemary Drive (including the areas around the railroad trestles). Despite a damp and cool morning, the group was successful in removing eight or nine large garbage bags of trash from the area. The Garden Club would like to thank all who participated in this worthwhile event. Hopefully, we will have better weather this spring and will see even more out there helping to improve the environment.

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Audubon Park Residents in the Spotlight

Unbeknownst to most, Audubon Park has some residents who have been in the spotlight recently.

Laura and Pete Hall (Audubon Parkway) were chosen to assist in decorating the White House for the holidays. Pete Hall's grandfather was the Chief Usher for the White House for nearly 20 years during the late 1930s through the late 1950s (administrations of Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower). This position is in charge of day-to-day operations of the Executive Mansion, its budget and supervision of the Executive Mansion's employees. As a surprise for her husband, Laura Hall wrote to the First Lady and current Chief Usher asking to be among the many volunteers selected to decorate the White House for the holidays. They were thrilled to be among the 85 volunteers (most of whom were florists) selected for the honor.

Work began just after Thanksgiving and duties while there included preparing the decorations (stored in a cavernous offsite warehouse) and actual decorating of rooms. The Halls were assigned to decorate the Diplomatic Reception Room, the China Room, the Library, the Vermeil Room, the Map Room, and the doctor's office. Although not all of the work was glamorous and involved hours of doing an inventory of items, wrapping boxes, and wiring of "millions" of ornaments, the end result was dazzling as all of us know from the official photographs. It was especially gratifying to the Halls since one of their decorated rooms, the Diplomatic Reception room, was shown in all the official photographs during the holiday; and, on the White House website, Bo the official "first dog" can be seen sitting in front of one of the ornaments Lynn decorated! During their time at the White House, they got access to much of the building and were invited to attend a holiday reception at the White House. Lynn and Pete were chosen to be media spokespersons for the decorating reveal in the Vermeil Room (vermeil is gold wrapped silver and the display in the White House is the second largest collection in the world after the Vatican's collection) and were interviewed by NPR about their experience as well as by HGTV and WHAS TV. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for both!

Nancy Zinner (Wren Road) is a local artist (and City Councilperson) whom you may have encountered during one of Audubon Park's Garden Tours. During the Garden Tours, she serves as "artist-in-residence" and paints many of the featured gardens. Nancy has been selected to have her oil paintings and artwork for sale at the Kentucky Museum of Arts and Crafts on West Main Street – which is a very high honor as only a select group of artists are displayed!

Feeling Charitable? Want to Donate Money for Tree Planting? Double Your Generosity with a Matching Gift...

Want to give a gift to the Garden Club or the Memorial Tree Fund? Did you know you may have the opportunity to *double* the value of that gift if your employer provides matching grants? The Garden Club recently received a very generous gift from an Audubon Park resident to be used towards tree plantings. Additionally, the gift was *doubled* because of a matching gift from his employer! The Garden Club is a 501(c)3 organization which allows it to issue a tax deductible receipt to donors to the Club. So, if you are feeling charitable, please check with your employer to see if they offer the option of matching donations to accredited groups. If you would like more information on this practice, please call Garden Club Treasurer Janet Shumate at 636-0111.

Upcoming Garden Club Programs

Upcoming monthly meetings of the Garden Club are highlighted below. These programs are open to all residents and their guests and are held at Audubon Park City Hall, 3340 Robin Road, beginning at 1 P.M. (unless otherwise noted).

Monday, April 8, 2013: "New Perennials" - with guest speaker Peggy Thieneman, Owner of Thieneman's Herbs and Perennials.

Tuesday, May 14, 2013: "Trees of Audubon Park" – this is the Club's spring luncheon and will feature Club member Betty Weise. This event will be held at 11:45 A.M. at the Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road. There is a fee for the luncheon and

reservations need to be made by calling Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239 or Ann Dyer at 634-3058.

Please note Garden Club programs go on hiatus during the summer and will resume in September...Also, please keep in mind membership is no longer restricted to Audubon Park residents only. If you know of someone interested in joining the Garden Club, please have them contact Club President, Gene Stotz, at 634-4921 for more information.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- 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. Please inform guests to your home of this important information. At this time of year, please be on the lookout for walkers and joggers and watch your speed.
- 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 call or come by City Hall for more information on obtaining a permit.
- 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 pick up after your pets and 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.**
- Please discourage children and others from climbing in trees in the various City parks due to safety issues and damage possibilities.
- Please keep in mind that information regarding Ash Trees and the Emerald Ash Borer are available at City Hall.
- The Forest Board meets at City Hall the second Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M. Various work days in each of the parks takes place monthly. If you are interested in helping out, please attend one of the meetings to find out further information.
- City Council Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at City Hall at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend.
- 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 (logs will not be accepted). These requirements also remain the same when there is debris from storms, etc.; and the City does not have a drop site for storm debris.** 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. We have had several complaints of residents leaving garbage containers out at the street. Please make sure containers are stored in their proper place near your home. If you have had problems with containers not being placed back where they came from, please contact Waste Management.

Please see the following holiday schedule:

For Memorial Day (May 27, 2013), all collections will be moved to one day later for that week. For July 4th, Friday collection will be moved to Saturday.

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