



The Official Newsletter of The City of Audubon Park

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FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR WILLIAMS

Tony Williams

It's an election year so most of this fall edition needs to focus on just that. But first, a brief recap of the city's latest developments:

Social Events

This spring and summer provided an outstanding combination of fun in our public spaces, from our signature Dogwood Festival activities to an excellent Independence Day parade. Special thanks to all the volunteers that made these events a success!

The 4th annual Audubon Park community yard sale is scheduled for October 1st from 8am to 2pm. Be sure to sign up via Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cabad2fabfc1-audubon1> or by calling the City Clerk and providing your address if you plan on participating in the yard sale.

The 8th annual Auktoberfest will commence shortly after the October 1st yard sale from 4pm to 9pm. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. When City events like Auktoberfest come up, we need *your* help to pull them off, so please volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cabad2fabfc1-auktoberfest2>

Halloween will be observed on Monday, October 31st.

Sidewalk Improvements

Audubon Park officials continue to prioritize making our neighborhood a safer place to walk. Additional sections of sidewalks have been identified for removal and replacement in the upcoming months with a majority of the remaining work being performed on Robin Road and Dove Road. For at least the last 25 years, it has been the homeowner's responsibility to maintain and repair the sidewalk. The responsibility remains unchanged but since many of the sidewalks were in immediate need of repair, a one-time grant to help selected homeowners pay for sidewalk repairs was issued. There is no guarantee of future repairs from the city by way of grants.

Other Improvements

Our new street name signs are currently in production and are expected to be installed in late September and early October. Thanks to everyone that took the time to vote on the new design.

Waste Management

If any of your garbage, recycling, or yard waste gets missed due to service issues, Andy Reynolds is who you need to contact. His phone number is 502-931-2616 and his e-mail is kreynol2@wm.com. In the

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coming months, Waste Management will be switching our 65 gallon recycling carts with 96 gallon recycling carts.

Home Stretch

It's been a very busy and productive 4 year term as your Mayor and I look forward to my 3 remaining months. Once again, I thank you for your continued confidence and support as we work together to continue to move our great City forward. Have a safe and fantastic Fall!

SPECIAL SECTION: ELECTION 2022

There's an election coming up. Council and mayoral candidates that have filed at the date of this publication were invited to respond to the format below.

There are 6 city council positions open and 1 mayor position open. Madeline Bozeman is running for mayor and the other candidates are running for city council. Mayor is a four year term and city council is a two year term. There is still time to register as a write-in candidate as that deadline is October 28th at 4pm. Unfortunately any write-in candidate won't be listed on the ballot, so all write-in candidates would have to be written in on the ballot.

Name: Madeline Bozeman



Phone: 502-472-7243

E-Mail: mmmittel@gmail.com

Family: Married to Matt Bozeman and daughter of Joe and Leslie Mittel and sister to: Olivia, Joseph, Andrew, Gavin, John, Mary, and Katie.

Activities/Interest: Spending time with family, traveling, reading, baking, and gardening.

Education: BS Business Management; Masters of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education, Literacy Specialist P-12.

Reason for interest in City government: I grew up in Audubon Park and have lived here a majority of my life. I value our city and the unique governance structure and would love to represent friends, family, and neighbors to ensure their voices are heard. Continuing to make Audubon Park a safe place to live is a high priority of mine.

Name: Austin Schwenker



Lived in AP since: 1999

E-Mail: austinsaudubon@gmail.com

Family: Parents live in the park and brother who lives outside of Louisville.

Employment: Sales

Education: University of Louisville; Saint Xavier High School; Saint Stephen Martyr

Name: Michael Hartman



Lived in AP since: 2013, but have lived right outside the border for my entire life.

E-Mail: dad@mccatdad.com

Family: Son of Mike and Martha Hartman. I live with my wife Anna, several cats, and a rescue beagle mix named Biscuit.

Employment: Information Security

Activities/Interest: I'm a trivia host emeritus who is really into pinball machines.

Education: B.S. Computer Engineering from University of Louisville JB School of Engineering. St. X class of 2002

Three highest priorities in office (in no order): 1. Make Audubon Park welcoming to everyone. 2. Keep Audubon Park a park and preserve the tree canopy to create an oasis from the heat island effect. 3. Improve sidewalks, as parks should be walkable.

Name: Pete Becker



E-Mail: Petesbecker@hotmail.com

Lived in AP since: 1978

Family: Married with 2 children, Stephen and Angela.

Employment: Bumper to Bumper- part time.

Activities/Interest: Motorcycles, traveling, golf.

Education: WKU

AP Priorities: Maintaining the tree canopy and adding more. Keeping the friendly and safe atmosphere of the community for all to enjoy.

Name: Elyse Shackleton



Phone: 502-641-5089

E-Mail: elysesaudubon@gmail.com

Lived in AP since: 2001

Family: Daughter of Bill Shackleton

Activities/Interests: Traveling, anything outdoors, and Law

Education: BS in Communication from the University of Louisville (2022). Sacred Heart Academy Graduate (2019)

Reason for Interest in City Government: I am here to represent the younger generation of Audubon Park, and to ensure that the city stays guarded from all acts of crime. I have a strong passion for law-making, and would work well with the residents of Audubon Park to ensure that they are satisfied. I appreciate Audubon Park for everything that it has to offer; therefore, I would be honored to represent my home.

Three Highest Priorities in Office (No particular order): 1. Community-based organizations such as special-interest clubs or recreational groups. 2. Ensuring Audubon Park stays nature friendly. 3. Promoting overall safety of the city, particularly helping prevent the spread of small crimes.

Name: Brenda Hartman



E-Mail: Mimi2all@att.net

Lived in AP since: September of 1990

Family: Married to Tommy since 1977, daughter Shannon, son Corey, and 6 grandchildren.

Employment: Retired in 2015 and called back part time in 2021.

Activities/Interest: Walking in the park, gardening, and talking with neighbors.

Education: Fern Creek Class of 1974, JCTC, and U of L.

AP priorities: Keep Audubon Park the hidden gem of Louisville, safety of all residents, and maintaining our parks and tree canopy for generations to come.

Name: H. Joseph Brenner (Joe)

E-Mail: hjbrenner1950@gmail.com

Lived in AP since: 1988

Family: My wife Carole, 10 kids and 9 grandchildren.

Employment: Retired as of March 2021 after 49 years in the banking industry. Last workplace was JP Morgan Chase Bank.

Activities/Interest: Audubon Country Club member and avid golfer.

Education: Bachelor degree from Indiana University and an MBA from the University of Louisville.

Priorities: Keep Audubon Park as it is today- a pristine and safe area for people to live, for people to get out and walk themselves and their pets, and to feel comfortable.

FOREST BOARD NEWS

Aaron Morris- Chairperson

The days are getting shorter, and temperatures are finally starting to fall from our brutally hot summer. The trees in Audubon Park are taking notice as acorns begin to fall from oak trees and the first fall leaves begin to change color. Soon our neighborhood will be awash in fall colors and the time for leaf raking will return.

For your Forest Board, fall means its time to prepare for tree planting! We have ordered 45 new trees to be planted in Audubon Park this fall and preparations are already underway to get them in the ground and growing.

We have developed a new partnership with Trees Louisville that allows us to get much higher quality trees for a lower price, while giving us access to many more species of trees. Trees Louisville is run by Cindi Sullivan, who you might remember from 25 years of her radio and TV shows in Louisville. They have planted over 16,000 trees in the area.

By partnering with Trees Louisville we can cut out several layers of middlemen and order trees directly from a large grower in the Pacific Northwest. This means the trees we will be planting will be much

larger than the ones we had access to in the past. Most of the trees we have ordered will be over an inch in trunk diameter, and already over 5 feet tall. We're planning to plant a very diverse group of native tree species this fall and spring. We've ordered yellowwoods, hornbeams, tulip poplars, and Osage trees. We have also ordered fifteen new dogwoods to replace some of these special trees that have succumbed to disease or adverse conditions over the past few years. Look for at least two new dogwoods coming this fall to each of our five parks.

In addition to the parks, look for more trees along the right of way we share with Audubon Country Club, and trees to replace those we have had to remove on city right of way.

Preparations for tree planting is already underway. Our city forester Ryan Lewis has started preparing planting sites around the city. If you see a mound of mulch with a small white flag in the ground, that's a new tree location! Preparing the sites early encourages changes in the soil chemistry that will give the trees the best start when we plant in November, and again in February.

While we are planting 45 trees so far, we would love to plant even more next year! In our 2020 tree inventory we identified 239 locations on the right of way where we could plant a new tree! Over two hundred opportunities to shade and cool our homes, improve our water drainage, and make our neighborhood a more green, beautiful place.

There are fifty available locations on Audubon Parkway, twenty seven on Cardinal Drive, twenty three on Eagle Pass, and fifteen on each of Chickadee, Crossbill and Robin roads.

If you would like to consider a new tree along the street in your yard, please reach out to me! We would love to add you to the planting list for next year, or maybe even this year if we have trees available. The Forest Board will work with you to select a tree of your choice, prepare the planting site, and even handle planting the tree at the

appropriate time of year following best practices to give your new tree the best possible start.

Tree planting is one of the main priorities of your Forest Board so we want to make it as easy as possible! All you have to do is choose your tree, and then enjoy it! Feel free to call or text me at 502-641-7810, or email me at aaronlane@gmail.com and we can get started! I also encourage you to talk to your neighbors about available spots for new trees – we’ve unfortunately lost several trees to storms, disease or conditions over the past year, and we’re eager to get more trees in the ground.

We enjoy the beautiful green neighborhood we have today because the people who came before us planned ahead, thought long term and planted trees for the future. Won’t you consider doing the same thing today for all our future residents?

AUDUBON PARK POLICE

Chief Teddy Laun



Fall is coming and we are excited. School is in session and many of you have seen our officers out patrolling heavily in the mornings and afternoons. We have been paying special attention to people violating speed limits and running stop signs and we have focused on

areas where there are school bus stops. We have also been enforcing parking violations to help keep the streets more passable and improve visibility for motorists. Nothing is more important to us than keeping our youngest residents safe.

The beginning of the school year is such a busy time with new routines, PTA meetings, sports activities, and upcoming school festivals. It is a good time for a reminder to take a few extra seconds to check and make sure your vehicle is locked and that you are not leaving valuables in sight.

We have a lot of opportunities coming up for you to meet your Audubon Park officers and spend some time chatting with us in a relaxed environment. Wednesday, September 14th we are planning our

Cook Out with the Cops at Audubon Park City Hall at 6:30 pm. Please, come grab a hot dog and some chips and say hi. Saturday, October 1st there will be city-wide events and more opportunities to mingle with officers. Finally, we love Halloween in Audubon Park. Our Sergeants have created costumes to wear during Halloween patrol for many years and they never disappoint. We absolutely love the tradition that they have started. No spoilers here, but we can not wait for you to see the extra special surprise that they are planning for our trick or treaters this year.

Bring on the cooler temperatures and the beautiful Fall colors. We are ready and we are looking forward to seeing you all around in the park.

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

New Slate of Garden Club Programs to begin in September

The Garden Club hosts a monthly program series from September to May (excluding January). These monthly 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). Membership is no longer restricted to Audubon Park residents only and we even have several men who have joined the club and brought many different talents and perspectives to our group! If you know of anyone interested in joining the Garden Club, please have them contact Membership Chair, Janet Shumate, at 636-0111 or Club President, Jane Jonczy, at 239-4468 for more information. Membership in the Garden Club is \$35 per year (or \$65 per year for couples).

A full listing of Garden Club Programs for the upcoming year can also be found on the city’s webpage: www.audubonparkky.org in the Garden Club heading under the Community tab. Below are the upcoming programs for the rest of 2022; 2023 programs which will begin in February will be listed in the December newsletter.

Monday, September 19, 2022: “*Native Wildflowers – Attracting Birds*” with Guest Speaker Tavia Cathcart Brown, Executive Director of Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve.

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Thursday, October 13, 2022: “*Animals of Louisville*” with Guest Speaker Rev. Lee Payne, Jr., Board Member of the Louisville Audubon Society and Chaplain and Wildlife Specialist at Cave Hill Cemetery. This is the Garden Club’s Fall Dinner which is held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road at 5:45 p.m. There is a fee for the dinner; information and reservations can be made by calling Grace Worful at 375-9041.

Monday, November 14, 2022: “*Beekeeping*” with Guest Speaker Jennifer Cebe who is an Audubon Park Resident.

Brightside Fall Clean Up

Audubon Park’s Fall Brightside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at 9 a.m., with volunteers gathering at the Preston Street entrance to Audubon Park. The Garden Club, under the leadership of club member Marie Eff, sponsors these cleanups twice a year – in Spring and Fall. We hope that we can get several residents to participate to clean up this signature entrance to our City. Gloves and trashbags will be available to all volunteers; volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes, brooms or other trimming garden tools to help in the cleanup! Any students needing service hours are welcome! If you have any questions about the cleanup in October, please contact Marie Eff at 635-7928.

Monarch Butterflies Added to Endangered List

Monarch Butterflies were just added to the Endangered List by the International Union for Conservation of Nature due to their dwindling numbers. You may recall the article in the last newsletter regarding Monarch Butterflies and the City’s attempt to add to their habitat in Audubon Park by planting milkweed plants and other flowering varieties that attract the butterflies and provide a source of nutrition vital for the caterpillars to survive. The International Union for Conservation of Nature, for the first time, just added these butterflies to their “red list” which categorizes species as endangered - considered two steps from extinction. However, the United States hasn’t listed Monarch Butterflies under its Endangered Species Act yet, although many environmental groups

believe they should be so listed. A conservation biologist at Michigan State University estimates the population of Monarch Butterflies in the Eastern US has declined by 85-95% since the 1990’s. Although the primary growing season for planting milkweeds is past, we hope you will consider adding some of these crucial flowers to your gardens next spring!

Garden Club Programs and Membership

If anyone is interested in learning more about joining the Garden Club, please contact Janet Shumate at 636-0111.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

In addition to community calendars, event notices, meeting schedules, and official information, the entire City Code of Ordinances is available on the Web site, AudubonParkKY.org, with provisions on parking, permit requirements, nuisance abatement, and all the rest. Please visit often!

- Speed limits and other traffic control measures are strictly enforced, for your safety and security. The City speed limit is 25 mph.
- There is no parking permitted on the street between 2 AM and 6 AM. There is also no parking permitted on the grass. Please inform your visitors of this important information.
- Pets must be leashed or otherwise under their owner’s absolute physical control when outside. We now have Dog Waste Stations at each of our parks so please use them when dog walking *and picking up after your pets*.
- Building permits are issued through City Hall and the form can be downloaded from our website under “Building Permit.” If you have a project in mind, please call or come by City Hall for more information on obtaining a permit.
- Yard sale, parades, use of public parks, and other general permits can be applied for online at the “Permit Form” section of our website. Final permits are issued through City Hall. Please call or come

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- by City Hall for more information on obtaining a permit.
 - There is a link at our website under "Links" where you can report any streetlights that are out of order directly to LG&E for repairs under "Streetlight Outage Online Form."
 - Permits are required for any work on city street easement trees including pruning or removal. Permits allow for the city to confirm tree companies are insured and to ensure the work being done will contribute to the overall health of our urban tree canopy. If you are unsure if your tree is in the easement, contact our Code Enforcement Officer Otto Mock at Audubonparkcodeofficer@gmail.com or 502-554-6105.
 - Going on vacation? Leaving town for business? Whatever the reason may be, being away from your home for any length of time can lead to anxiety if you have security concerns. The Audubon Park Police Department House Watch program is designed to provide you with peace of mind by placing your address on a stepped-up patrol list for those living in the City limits of Audubon Park. Officers in your area will be instructed to keep a close eye on your property and to conduct area checks more regularly while you are away. The link for a house watch request is: <https://www.audubonparkky.org/house-watch-request.html>
 - A resident Code Enforcement Complaint Form is located at the website so concerned residents can electronically report garbage, debris, graffiti, abandoned vehicles and property, parking, and overgrowth violations. Our Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer is Otto Mock and he can be reached at Audubonparkcodeofficer@gmail.com or 502-554-6105.
 - There is a link at our website under "Links" where you can "Report A Problem" to MSD regarding stormwater waste issues.
 - Please discourage children and others from climbing trees in the various City parks, out of concern for both safety and potential damage.
 - Information regarding ash trees and the emerald ash borer is available at City Hall, and on the Forest Board's archive Web site, *TreeCommittee-APKY.org*.
 - Waste of all types – garbage, recycling and yard waste – is collected on Tuesdays (with occasional exceptions for holidays which is usually a day or two later). Garbage is picked up from behind your house, while yard waste and recycling items are to be placed at the curb. Trash can only be set out the day prior to pickup and must be returned by the evening following. Remember, the green cans should not be visible from the street. Any mattresses or upholstered furniture set out for pickup must be wrapped in plastic. You are allowed one large item for junk pickup per week such as a stove, hot water heater, furniture, etc. If any of your garbage, recycling, or yard waste gets missed due to service issues, Andy Reynolds is who you need to contact. His phone number is 502-931-2616 and his e-mail is kreynol2@wm.com.
 - Please wear reflective clothing or other reflective gear – or, better still, carry powered lights – if you are out running, biking or walking in reduced light. It can be very difficult to see you if you are wearing dark clothing! Please take personal responsibility for your safety so accidents don't occur – you may be harder to see than you think!
 - MSD offers rate assistance for senior citizens that are age 65 or older, have a gross annual income of \$35,000 or less and are both Louisville Water and MSD customers. An application can be made for a 30% discount on wastewater charges and the EPA surcharge by calling 502-540-6000.
 - Kentucky's Constitution allows property owners who are 65 or older to receive the Homestead Exemption on their primary residence. If you are eligible to receive the Homestead Exemption, the exemption amount is subtracted from your
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property's assessed value, reducing your property tax liability. The Homestead Exemption for 2022 is \$40,500. Only one exemption (Homestead or Disability) is allowed per household. Once approved for the Homestead Exemption, you are not required to reapply annually. You are eligible for the Homestead Exemption on residential or commercial property as long as you own and occupy the property as your primary residence and meet all other qualifying criteria.

- Audubon Park has a Little Free Library located at the intersection of Wren and Audubon Parkway. The Little Free Library is a book/magazine/DVD/CD exchange for adults and children where you are free to drop off or take materials located in the outdoor book holder. The library steward is Amanda Thompson. If you have questions, concern, or comments, please feel free to call, text or email her at 502-931-0790 or amt924@hotmail.com.
- There are a handful of homes still not in compliance with Jefferson County Louisville Ordinances 97.011 and 97.012 properly displaying street number addresses. Please make sure your home has street numbers of at least four inches in height and in a color distinguishable from its background placed on the front of the dwelling and is free and clear of any obstructions hindering clear visibility.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Audubon Park is committed to informing and encouraging civic dialogue, and has a variety of platforms for these purposes:

- This quarterly **newsletter** with updates, reports and discussions of City programs, events, services and facilities. The newsletter is published on the Web site, social media, and email subscriber list.

- The **Web site**, *AudubonParkKY.org*, which is the City's open archive of municipal reference data – organizational, historical, fiscal, legal, and social. Links are also provided to the other media listed.
- **Two Social media** pages on Facebook are in use: **Audubon Park City Hall**, the main civic page and **Audubon Park Police Department**, focusing on law enforcement and public safety. Be sure to like both pages in order to receive communication from them, as they are the only official social media pages from the City.
- **Nextdoor** is social networking site that brings back good old-fashioned neighborhood chatter between your neighbors across the street and you. It puts you in touch with folks down the block and even people a few miles down the road. Nextdoor is also like Facebook, where you can scan through your contacts' posts and photos, and you can post your own messages and photos. You might alert those neighbors to prowlers you spotted in the neighborhood. Your neighbors might recommend a good plumber or mechanic. They could also tell you about yard sales or appliances they're giving away. Or you can alert them to a stray dog you found.
- An **email subscriber list** distributing the newsletter and notices of City activities and events. Please sign up on the Web site, under the Resident Information tab, at "Audubon Park News."
- **ReachAlert** is an urgent notification system, with email, text or voicemail options, for emergency and other alert messages. Please subscribe to this system, on the same page, at "ReachAlert."
- The variety of regular public Council and board meetings are listed on the **Web calendar**.
- Or, just dropping by **City Hall**, for information or an informal chat. Always be sure to let the mayor or your favorite council member know your thoughts and ideas.